

Meg Farney Testimony on HB 2425

Good afternoon Members of the House Higher Education Budget Committee meeting, thank you to the chair and my representative, Representative Humphries, for holding a hearing on HB 2425. My name is Meg Farney and I am a student at the University of Kansas and I am also a part of the Student Legislative Action Committee. This piece of legislation is important for student representation. Students deserve to have an actual say in KBOR and be represented for the decisions that affect them. Especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, important decisions are being made for students in higher education without the perspective and voice of someone that it really affects.

This bill is not something that has been seen to be controversial, this is a piece of legislation that is liked by many and almost all. Every KBOR institution's student senate or form of student government has passed a resolution in support of the passage of HB 2425. This sort of overwhelming student support should be heard in the Kansas legislature with similar consensus. This bill is also seen through bipartisan support as The University of Kansas's Government Relations Director and other KBOR institutions have had meetings with both Republican and Democratic Kansas legislators, and we have received support from many of them. KBOR is an institution that should truly represent who they decide for and it shows that Kansas students and Kansas legislators also feel the same.

Thank you Representative Humphries and legislators for your leadership and for being advocates for students voices, please reach out if you have any questions or would like to talk further about this issue.