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Kent Thompson, Chairman
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Colleagues:

HB 2175 is the ACT that allows for the creation of the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center district.

In 2015, Peaslee Tech was opened in Lawrence, Ks by both board of county commissioners of Douglas County and the Lawrence City commission. Both governing bodies had heard from many people and businesses in Douglas County about the need for a training center that would allow young adults to be certified in various technical education programs. The center also provides for training of the existing work force from the many businesses in Lawrence and Douglas County. Dwayne Peaslee, who the facility is named for, spent a lifetime talking about the need for the school to really allow for a fully trained and educated work force.

I stand in support of HB2175. If the bill is approved, the board of county commissioners of Douglas County shall submit the question of the creation of the district to the voters. This is important because the voters of Douglas County approval must be received before anything can happen with the establishment of the district. Once voter approval is given a new board of directors shall establish the First Board of Directors for the district which must be done by resolution. The bill goes on to list all responsibilities of the board including making an annual report to Douglas County on or before Jan 31 of each year for the proceeding calendar year showing receipts and disbursement from all funds under its control and show such statistical information relating to students served and programs offered. The board is also required to prepare and publish an annual budget for maintenance and support of the district. The bill also allows the board to levy a tax on all taxable tangible property determined by the district board. The levy shall not exceed 0.50 mills. The tax shall be levied and collected in a like manner as other taxes and kept by the District in a separate fund.

Currently the city of Lawrence and the Douglas County commission, along with tuition and investments by individuals and businesses, are funding the operations and maintenance of the facility through their respective budgets. The passage of HB2175 will give the authority to ask voters for approval of the district.

Again, I stand in support of HB2175 and I ask for your support of the bill.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Amyx", written in a cursive style.

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