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SB 203

University Contractors Association of Kansas  
Proponent Testimony in Support of SB 203

Chairman Billinger and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the University Contractors Association of Kansas (UCA) to offer testimony in support of Senate Bill 203, which would establish the Kansas Campus Restoration Act to address Kansas' second largest liability following KPERS: deferred maintenance.

The UCA's mission is to modernize infrastructure on state university campuses across Kansas in order to create a safer, usable, & state-of-the-art educational space for students. We were formed in 2021 following the release of system-wide studies of campuses across Kansas. Our member base operates across each of the six state universities and KU Medical Center.

The state university system has over 1,130 facilities consisting of 38 million square feet and covering 28,000 acres. 50% of these facilities are mission-critical. And half of the mission-critical facilities are over 50 years old. In statute, the EBF has remained stable for many decades as it provides a minimum baseline used for the construction, reconstruction, equipment, and repair of these mission-critical buildings. That said, the footprint of the universities has grown even when the mill levy hasn't.

As of last year, the findings of a KBOR-issued facilities condition assessment (FCA) show that the estimated maintenance backlog for mission-critical buildings, commonly referred to as "EBF eligible", was approximately \$1,278,359,200. SB 203 provides the necessary resources for Universities to plan, design, and address the backlog strategically, as opposed to patchwork.

Our members and organization stand in support of SB 203. Thank you for your time.

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