



**Testimony to
The House Committee on General Government Budget
on SB 417
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This bill is technical cleanup necessitated by the substantive changes made last year in transitioning the former Kansas Inc. duties and responsibilities to the Secretary of Commerce.

The Department of Commerce is pleased to offer support for Senate Bill 417 which effectively strikes reference to Kansas Inc. and inserts the secretary of commerce in certain roles and responsibilities formerly held by Kansas Inc. Furthermore, the Department of Commerce is already serving in the capacity of many of the functions that Kansas Inc. once performed, and as the state's lead economic development agency is in a position to advise the governor and legislature on economic development issues and coordinate with stakeholders on strategic matters. The Secretary of Commerce urges passage of this bill.