

Testimony before the Senate Committee on Utilities on SB 398 – Kan-ed

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Chairman, Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on SB 398. We rise in support.

We have carefully followed the Legislature's review of the effectiveness and cost of the Kan-ed network through last session, the interim committee and the Legislative Post Audit. Throughout that time, we have kept our members apprised of events and urged them to contact us and/or their legislators with any concerns. Frankly, we were not overwhelmed with feedback.

As a result, we think **SB 398** meets the needs of those districts that still have a need for Kan-ed while also recognizing better, more efficient options, exist for the vast majority of them. We appreciate the bill's recognition, some funding will still be necessary as the network and its services are turned down.

Thank you for your consideration.