

**TESTIMONY**

**TO: SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

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**RE: HOUSE BILL 2429**

Chairperson McGinn and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I am testifying on behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas (ACEC Kansas). ACEC Kansas is the trade association for private sector engineering businesses in the state. We stand in support of House Bill 2429.

House Bill 2429 would remove a sunset provision in the State Educational Institution Project Delivery Construction Procurement Act. Under that law, the Regents have been allowed to pursue use of alternative delivery methods on construction projects which are funded without state dollars. ACEC Kansas was one of the parties that helped develop the framework for the legislation as it was drafted at that time. It created a statutory requirement that any such project would require the approval of a review panel that included experts from both the Regents and various stakeholder organizations, including ACEC Kansas. We have been pleased with the work of this review panel, which has proved to be a strong and truly independent arbiter of Regents requests to use alternative delivery.

With the continued use of this oversight panel, our comfort level is strong that this legislation will continue to be used only in appropriate circumstances when time and resources can be saved without sacrificing quality or public safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts about this bill.

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