



**Testimony of
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Chairman DeGraaf and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to testify today on behalf of Washburn University. I appear today in support of Senate Bill No. 216. Currently Kansas law authorizes all other public four year postsecondary educational institutions to utilize a city or county public building commission for the purpose of acquiring land and facilities adjacent to or near any educational institution.

Washburn University would value the option of exploring potential future financial benefits of using a public building commission.

Washburn University seeks the same statutory authorization granted to all other public four-year postsecondary educational institutions and respectfully requests the Committee to add "municipal university" to the existing public building commission statutes.

Mr. Chairman I am pleased to answer any questions. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.