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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS**  
**TESTIMONY ON SB 28**  
**CRISIS CITY LAND TRANSFER**  
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to be here today.

Originally, the Department of the Air Force permitted to the Department of the Army 3,536 acres at the Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range for use as a year round training center for the Kansas Army National Guard. Crisis City is on this property. The current permit is renewable yearly but does not extend beyond 2025. Passing this legislation gives the State of Kansas the opportunity to ensure that the State of Kansas controls Crisis City past 2025 for as long as the Kansas Department of Emergency Management (KDEM) uses Crisis City for emergency response purposes.

The land where Crisis City is located was transferred to FEMA by the Air Force as part of the Surplus Federal Real Property Public Benefit Conveyance and Base Realignment and Closure Programs. Under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act, land owned by the Federal government can be transferred or given to State and local governments for emergency management response purposes.

Crisis City is a 153 acre training complex located eight miles southwest of Salina, KS. The Crisis City Main Facility is a 7,000 square foot, 1.5 story building with three classrooms and an observation room. Crisis City enhances the State's capability to defend against terrorism threats and respond to disasters and emergencies. Crisis City provides Kansas first responders, including the Kansas National Guard and our public and private partners, with a world class, multi-discipline, multi-agency training environment.

Approving the transfer of Crisis City from FEMA to the Kansas Department of Emergency Management promotes the public interest by ensuring Crisis City can continue to conduct training in support of local, state, and federal first responders and other disaster response groups. Passing this bill and approving the transfer will ensure that Crisis City is always used and maintained for enhancing our State's ability to respond to disasters and emergencies.

Once the land is transferred to the Kansas Department of Emergency Management, it will ensure the department can continue to provide multiple training opportunities to the local, state and national levels -- to include governmental, nongovernmental, private-sector, and voluntary organizations. In short, it improves our ability to partner with the public and private sectors in building essential response capabilities specific to the needs of Kansas.

Passing this legislation gives Kansas the autonomy and security it needs to fully utilize Crisis City and ensure we are prepared to respond to local and statewide disasters and emergencies.

Thank you for your time.

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