

Testimony
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Chairman Waymaster and Members of the Committee:

My Name is Ron Trewyn and I serve as the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility (NBAF) Liaison at Kansas State University. I would like to ask for your support for House Bill 2109. This legislation authorizes Kansas State University to sell two tracts of land.

The first tract is 0.838 acres of property located adjacent to the University Research Park. The Kansas State University Foundation in 2013 constructed the facility that houses the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The building was developed on the property in such a manner that it left 0.838 acres belonging to Kansas State University as undevelopable. The University is seeking authority to sell this 0.838 acres of property.

The second tract is an irregular shape comprising 17.54 acres located on the south side of Kimball Avenue and on the north side of the NBAF construction site. It is the current location of Kansas State University's Purebred Beef Unit. The Site Specific Risk Assessment conducted for the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for NBAF identified the Purebred Beef Unit as a potential security issue. As a result, DHS asked the State of Kansas and Kansas State University to consider relocating the Unit. A Memorandum of Understanding signed by DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano and Governor Sam Brownback in the fall of 2013 stated:

- ii. Recognize \$5.2 million of the actual cost of relocating the Purebred Beef Unit against Kansas' anticipated contribution of \$307 Million for the use towards NBAF.

The Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry is in the process of moving the Purebred Beef Unit from the property immediately adjoining the NBAF site as requested by the United States Department of Homeland Security for security purposes.

Thank you for your time and I am happy to stand for questions.