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To: Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Re: Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 322

Emporia State University supports the passage of Senate Bill 322, an act to amend the sale of surplus property to eliminate the 80% of proceeds from such sales going to the Kansas Public Employees and Retirement Fund.

While Emporia State does not routinely sell state buildings – we have had two such sales over the past ten years since the law went into effect in 2012, being allowed to keep the proceeds from the sale would benefit universities in general and Emporia State in particular. The last two sales we have proposed have asked for an exemption on having the profits returned to the KPERs fund as the buildings in question came from donors and were not building built and funded by the State.

Even in circumstances where state property funded by the State is sold, it would be extremely beneficial for the universities to place the proceeds into their existing building maintenance accounts for upkeep of mission-critical buildings on campus as we continue work towards reducing deferred maintenance on the campuses.

Thus, we endorse the passage of this bill and believe it would benefit state universities and agencies in divesting of surplus property.

Sincerely,



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