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**Neutral Testimony on House Bill 2747
Abolishing Legislative Post Audit and establishing a Division of Post Audit
within the Kansas State Treasurer's Office**

**Submitted to House Appropriations Committee
By Kansas State Treasurer Jake LaTurner
March 14th, 2018**

Chairman Waymaster and Members of the House Appropriations Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit neutral testimony regarding House Bill 2747. The proposal would abolish the Legislative Division of Post Audit (LPA) and create a new Post Audit Division within the Kansas State Treasurer's Office.

As a former legislator, I can tell that I utilize LPA's audit reports frequently. The integrity of their findings is unmatched and its staff has always been a pleasure to work with. They are thorough and take great pains to remain non-partisan, which is exactly what Kansans expect from an audit team. I cannot speak more highly of this agency.

My office did not ask for this proposal, nor did we request its introduction. However, if the legislature sees fit to approve this legislation, we will certainly carry out your directives. If the legislature sees fit to keep the status quo, I am certain LPA will continue to be the reputable agency they are today.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our state.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake LaTurner", is written over a printed name and title.

Jake LaTurner
Kansas State Treasurer