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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF HB 2092

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Chairman Bergquist, Vice Chair Blex, Ranking Member Featherston and members of the committee, I stand before you today as a proponent of HB 2092. Simply put, this bill cleans up issues created when the legislature reapportioned State Senate seats. Additionally, it is non-controversial as evidenced by all Shawnee County House members being co-sponsors.

Currently, law requires that the Mayor of Topeka appoint three members to the Washburn Board of Regents based on the Senate Districts that Topeka was a part of before redistricting, which were districts 18, 19, and 20. Today, there are four Senate districts that include Topeka, posing a problem with the geographical distribution on the Board of Regents. HB 2092 will create three districts each composed of three of the nine Topeka city council districts.

I would ask that the bill be amended per a balloon amendment attached to fortify the bill's geographic balance. Once corrected by the amendment, each new district will also include one of Washburn's three campuses.

This is a good cleanup bill and I urge you to support it.

Tie Miller