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Good morning, Chairman Waymaster and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to discuss HB 2402. I am Ken Rahjes, Representative of the 110th District in west central Kansas and former Chairman of the Higher Education Budget Committee. It is time once again to take a long deep look at higher education in Kansas.

HB 2402 is a “Blue Ribbon” Ribbon Task Force comprised of legislators, education experts and Kansas citizens who will look at our Public Universities and Colleges and the relationship with the Board of Regents and local board who serve as board members and trustees of our Community and Technical Colleges.

This task force will be bipartisan in nature and will report its findings back to the legislature in 2026 and 2027, with recommendations moving forward.

I stand in strong support of HB 2402 and ask you pass it favorably out of this committee.

Thank you for your time, I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Representative Ken Rahjes