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To: Senator Kellie Warren, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Keith Bradshaw, Executive Director, Contracts & Finance
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Re: HB 2215 Increasing the Cost Share Limit for Public-Private Partnership Construction Projects

The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) is supportive of HB 2215. During the 2021 Session, the Legislature passed HB 2401, which allows the Secretary of Corrections to enter into public-private partnerships for the purpose of financing and constructing an education and workforce training center which would provide a broad range of adult education, career and technical education, college degree, and career-readiness programs. This career campus would be sited at the Lansing Correctional Facility. Under current statute, the amount of state funding which may be committed to the construction of a career campus is capped at 25% of the total cost.

In 2022, KDOC began working with a consultant to conduct a fundraising campaign feasibility study. The results of this study indicated that there is significant interest within the business community due to the anticipated economic and social benefits that would be generated by this project. The feedback received from potential donors was that they would expect the state to contribute a 50% match. Passage of HB 2215 would increase the state match cap to 50%.

HB 2215 will not have a fiscal impact on KDOC as funding appropriated for the career campus match was based on the 50% state contribution.