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**Testimony of Representative Debbie Deere  
To the Senate Ways and Means Committee  
Supporting the passage of House Bill 2608**

Dear Chairwoman McGinn and fellow committee members,

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of HB 2608, which I am sponsoring.

The subject of this bill is to allow a quit claim land transfer between the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) and Fire District 1 of Leavenworth County.

Since 1952, the Lansing Fire station has been located on an approximate one- acre tract of land, which is owned by KDOC. It sits on a corner of property where Lansing Correctional Facility is located. Through the years, KDOC has paid all utilities on this property, to include: power, water, sewer.

In recent years, ongoing negotiations between Fire District 1 and KDOC have occurred for a transfer of this land, in exchange for the Fire Department taking on the responsibility of paying their own utilities. This bill is a result of that agreement. Upon Legislative approval of this land transfer, the land would become the property of Fire District 1. At that time, they will begin to fulfill their obligation of paying for utilities.

Fire District 1 works in partnership with KDOC to assist in times of emergency/crisis. This agreement would be a continuation of the positive relationship that has been maintained between the Fire Department and KDOC through the years, and one that is important to our community

I appreciate your consideration of this bill and ask for its passage.