

Testimony to House Pensions & Benefits Committee  
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Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear before you today. My name is Harvey Ludwick and I represent the Kansas Association of Retired School Personnel.

As employees of the State of Kansas we are extremely interested in how our money is being managed. Therefore, a shortfall in assumed future debt in (UAL) is important to us.

HB 2403 sets out that 1.5 billion pension obligation bonds (POBs) will be issued by the State of Kansas through KDEA. It is also our understanding that the net sale proceeds will be deposited as a contribution to KPERS to finance a portion of the UAL. The debt service will be paid by the State of Kansas.

Our position on HB 2403 resides squarely on the use of these pension obligation bonds. If they can be used for any other purpose that a contribution to KPERS to finance a portion of the UAL then we stand opposed.

However if these Pension Obligation Bonds can be used only to pay down the UAL then we are accepting.

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