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Senate Utilities Committee  
Andy Tompkins, President and CEO  
SB 225  
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Chairman Apple and members of the Senate Utilities Committee, I am Andy Tompkins, President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents, and I appear in support of SB 225.

To explain why this bill is necessary, let me give you a little bit of background to the Kan-ed program. Kan-ed was established to assist with broadband needs of libraries, hospitals and K-12 schools. Last year, the legislature passed HB 2390, which required the Board of Regents to disconnect all circuits by June 30, 2013 and assist these entities with transitioning onto private network providers. We are on schedule to meet that requirement.

In that same bill, the legislature gave Kan-ed the continuing responsibility to provide video conferencing to libraries, hospitals and K-12 schools and telemedicine to hospitals. It is important to provide these services to ensure that video conferencing is available at specific times. As a part of this responsibility, the legislature asked Kan-ed to develop a fee schedule for those participating in the service.

After numerous meetings with stakeholders, the following fee schedule was drafted and approved by the Kan-ed Advisory Committee:

Annual fee for on-network video room - \$80  
Annual fee for off-network video room - \$50  
Video session cost per session  
1-99 \$10/session  
100-499 \$5/session  
500-15,000 \$2.25/session

In order for us to implement this fee schedule, we need the authority to charge a fee, therefore, we appear in support of SB 225. I would be happy to stand for questions.

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