

Testimony in support of Senate Bill 226
Senate Democratic Leader Anthony Hensley

Chairman LaTurner and members of the Committee:

I appear before you to express my support for Senate Bill 226.

Senate Bill 226 would move the State Library of Kansas from the Executive Branch to the Legislative Branch and provide that the State Librarian be appointed by the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC). The bill also abolishes the current State Library Board and creates a new board consisting of 14 members.

While the State Library is currently under the Executive Branch, the major portion of the services it provides is related to the Kansas Legislature. State Librarian Jo Budler has provided a comprehensive list of all the services the State Library provides. This list makes it quite clear that the most appropriate place for the State Library is under the Legislative Branch.

The enactment of Senate Bill 226 would have no fiscal effect on the State Library or the LCC budget.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 226.