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**Neutral Testimony on Senate Bill 487  
To the Senate Ways and Means Committee  
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Chairwoman McGinn and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for introducing SB 487 and for holding this hearing. Now that the Department of Administration has provided the legislature options for addressing what should be done with the Docking Building and alternatives to provide appropriate space for our Kansas Department of Health and Environment labs, it is time for the legislature to act.

Senate Bill 487 provides a reasonable way to address these concerns, however I think there is a better choice. I ask that you seriously consider the option to renovate the entire Docking Building and include space for the KDHE offices and labs in that renovation.

The Docking Building's structure is in good condition and renovating the entire building provides the most square footage, makes use of the existing central plant, and preserves a State and Capitol complex historic structure. Design, documentation, and construction is estimated to take 36 months, six months less than the proposal to dismantle the eleven upper floors of Docking and rebuild three floors. In Docking, KDHE would have an additional 22,000 square feet and a separate, secured entryway.

Although SB 487 addresses both the needs of KDHE and other state agencies for additional space, it would be easy to separate the two projects. I believe that the least costly approach, making use of all of Docking, is also the most likely to see both of these concerns addressed.

On the back of this testimony I have provided a comparison of the proposals in SB 487 with the alternative to renovate all of Docking including the lab and office space for KDHE.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

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	Square footage for KDHE	Square footage for other uses	Estimated cost
Free-standing KDHE lab	61,018		\$ 56,276,755
6-floor Docking renovation		217, 412	\$ 100,306,092
<b>278,430 net assignable square feet</b>			<b>\$ 156,582,847</b>
Total renovation of Docking including KDHE lab space	83,813	213,038	
<b>296,851 net assignable square feet</b>			<b>\$ 154,556,516</b>

*In building up and not out, we keep Lot #4 for parking and/or future development...*