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HB 2462
ORAL In-person Testimony
Proponent

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Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Senator Robert Olson, Chairman

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

This bill, HB 2462, edits a sentence in the statute for the requirements of a Kansas Legislator to be a member of the Joint-Committee of State-Tribal relations. The current statute says a member shall be selected only from the federal and state affairs, judiciary, taxation, and assessment and taxation, committees.

Due to this statute, this created some issues last year during my first State-Tribal relations committee meeting. The Kansas Legislature had to swiftly pass a temporary approval for myself to be on the House Judiciary committee, so I was legally allowed to sit on my State-Tribal relations committee. I was not notified of this statute prior to the selection of my committees and due to my background in public health, my interest did not naturally gravitate towards those required committees. I see this being an issue for future representatives or senators who may fall into this similar obstacle.

Updating this statute eliminates a barrier for any future Native American Kansas Legislators who may have expertise needed elsewhere besides these required committees. I ask the committee for their support in passing HB 2462 and I will stand for questions.

Respectfully,

Representative Christina Haswood
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