



Written Testimony on HB2214

Submitted To

The Senate Ways and Means Committee

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The Kansas Department of Corrections appreciates the opportunity to offer a perspective on House Bill 2214. We support the bill as proposed.

HB2214 proposes to authorize the Department of Administration to convey described real estate to the City of Beloit that is currently owned by the State of Kansas as part of the former Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility (BJCF).

As background, in 2008 BJCF was closed because of the decline in the population of girls committed to Correctional Facilities in Kansas in favor of them being housed in separate units on the grounds of the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex (KJCC) in Topeka. After closure, the former Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) worked with Officials of the City of Beloit, the Department of Administration and the Kansas Legislature to arrange transfer of all real estate to the City because it was not needed by the State and the property could benefit the City.

Our understanding is that in subsequent title searches completed by the City, the parcel described in HB2214, which was thought to have been included in the 2010 transfer, in fact was not. We concur with that finding and encourage the Committee to take favorable action on HB2214 to allow this transfer to the City of Beloit to occur.

Thank you.