

TESTIMONY

House Bill 2601

“Disposition of state real property; authorizing the state board of regents on behalf of Kansas state university to sell certain real property in Riley county and Cherokee county, Kansas, and Douglas county, Nebraska”

House Higher Education Budget Committee

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Madame Chair and Members of the House Higher Education Budget Committee:
Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today on House Bill 2601.

Today, we are seeking permission to sell the property at 1310 and 1312 S. 118th Street in Omaha, Nebraska. The property is a duplex that served as housing for veterinary students participating in veterinary externship experiences in Omaha, NE. In particular, senior veterinary students routinely participated in externships at Midwest Veterinary Specialists, a 501c3 affiliated corporation through Kansas State University, Veterinary Clinical Outreach.

The property was purchased in 2005 and served students for 13 years. In April 2015, Midwest Veterinary Specialists was sold to a private veterinary corporation. Fourth-year veterinary students continued to participate in externships at this practice for a period of time, however, participation has dwindled. Kansas State University veterinary students are no longer seeking externship experiences with this practice. No student has utilized this resource in more than three years. We are seeking permission to sell the property. Proceeds from the sale of the duplex will be used to support the renovation of the small animal surgery suites at the Veterinary Health Center at Kansas State University.

On behalf of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University, we appreciate the opportunity to share this information and request your concurrence. I am happy to answer any questions about the sale of this property.