

Associated General Contractors of Kansas Written Opposition Testimony Senate Bill 94 Wednesday, February 1st, 2023

Chair and members of the committee, The Associated General Contractors of Kansas oppose SB 94 because it creates confusion about how the State of Kansas manages the financing of the building maintenance and construction of their significant property holdings.

First, the confusion will likely impact the costs of bonding. Without a dedicated revenue stream secured by K.S.A. 76-6b01, and the accompany Constitutional obligation, it would be reasonable to expect the costs to secure funds become less predictable. The Kansas educational building fund is subject to appropriation and managed by the Board of Regents. Financing the building needs out of the general fund without dedicated revenue would place the state's building assets at greater risk of not receiving the needed resources.

Second, AGC of Kansas has a strong relationship with Kansas schools because of the construction science programs that produce the talent needed to keep Kansas growing. AGC annually raises well over \$100,000 for scholarships to support Pittsburgh State, Kansas State and now Fort Hays State programs. Additionally, students in these programs have a 100% summer internship placement. Unlike other education programs, if you don't have a job coming out of a construction science program, you don't want one. The placement rate for these degrees is also nearly 100%.

K.S.A. 76-6b01 has been amended nine times since the idea was placed into law in 1941. It is well within your obligations as a Legislature to change and amend your priorities. AGC of Kansas would ask you not send a negative message about how you value building maintenance. We encourage you to oppose SB 94.