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Testimony of Greenwood County Health Department to the  
Senate Committee on Health and Public Welfare  
Proponent for HB2754  
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Dear Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written proponent testimony on this bill.

This bill would amend K.S.A. 19-101a to authorize counties to use home rule powers to exempt from conducting school sanitary inspections. Those inspections are defined in K.S.A. 65-202 and require the county's local health officer to make a sanitary inspection of each school building and grounds upon the opening of each fall term of school and to make such additional inspections as are necessary.

This bill would restore the ability of Boards of County Commissioners to work with stakeholders in their community to determine whether such inspections are done by the local health officer or by others. A long-standing local decision-making authority that was unnecessarily changed in the 2020 special session.

If this bill does not pass it puts a great burden on my small rural health department to find the time and the trained staff to be able to do these inspections.

I ask the Committee to support this bill.

Respectfully,

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