

Kansas State School for the Deaf (KSD)
Agency Written Testimony
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We fully understand the fiscal pressures on the special State Institutional Building Fund and are grateful that Representative Toplikar has introduced this bill, allowing KSD to possibly start moving forward with all the needed repairs and remodeling of the 350 seat Roth auditorium. The damage to the auditorium is significant and is a result of a ruptured steam line in an auditorium wall.

The Governor included in her FY2020 budget, the requested **\$273,000** to perform the necessary HVAC repairs, but did not include the remaining **\$630,000** needed to complete the remodeling phase of this project, for a total project cost of **\$903,000**.

The funding in HB2286 will be used for professional services and materials towards: the demolition of damaged materials and equipment; the cleaning of existing flame proof stage curtains; replacing/upgrading audio visual equipment; refurbishing seating and providing more accessible seating; modifying the stage to ADA standards so a student in a wheelchair can have stage access; installing a Hearing Assistance System to meet ADA requirements; having the auditorium and stage area brought up to current building, mechanical and fire codes; changing all lighting to energy efficient LED; repairing plaster walls; and, painting the entire auditorium.

By having both the HVAC work and repair/remodeling work completed at one time, the disruption on our campus will be shortened, and better pricing should be obtained when sent out for bid as a single large project.

Again, we are grateful to be given this opportunity to have this bill before you for consideration.