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Proponent Testimony

HB 2138 - AN ACT concerning education: relating to career technical education: creating the career technical education credential and transition incentive for employment success act; providing state aid to school districts for students who obtain a credential; establishing the career technical education credential and transition incentive fund.

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by

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Kansas State Board of Education

Chairman Thomas, Vice - Chairwoman Estes, Ranking Minority Member Stogsdill and members of the House Committee on Education:

The Kansas State Board of Education supports HB 2138, which is designed to provide an incentive for local school districts to encourage students to earn a career technical education (CTE) credential. The funds are to be used first to provide for the cost of assessments that lead to a CTE credential.

Such a fund will ensure all eligible students are able to take the assessments, which can be cost prohibitive for some. We believe this will lead to more high school students earning an industry recognized CTE credential who are ready to enter the workforce with the needed skills upon graduation. Therefore, the Kansas State Board of Education asks the Committee to forward this bill to the entire House for its consideration.

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.