



**PROPONENT Testimony on HB 2487
For the House Education Committee
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Testimony:

Chair Estes and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony related to House Bill 2487.

Kansas' Independent Colleges:

KICA represents all twenty-one accredited undergraduate degree-granting non-profit colleges in Kansas. The Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) has no governing role, coordinating role, or regulatory role for the independent colleges that KICA represents.

The Educational Opportunity Scholarship:

We agree with the Kansas Board of Regents that additional clarity to the definitions of teachers and paraprofessionals will improve the efficacy and efficiency of the Educational Opportunity Scholarship. We appreciate KBOR for bringing this forward and hope that you will pass HB 2487 swiftly.

Thank you for the opportunity to come before you. I am happy to answer any questions you may have or provide additional data as you request.