



*Subject: Proponent Testimony for HB 25RS0630 – Kansas SLDS*

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**25RS0630**, Longitudinal Data Act  
Kansas House Committee on K-12 Education Budget  
Proponent  
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**Chairman Goetz & Members of the House K-12 Education Budget Committee,**

I am writing in strong support of HB 25RS0630, the **Kansas State Longitudinal Data System**. This bill will enhance education and workforce alignment by securely integrating data from multiple agencies, ensuring that Kansas remains competitive in workforce development and economic growth.

Why I Support HB 25RS0630:

- **Better Decision-Making:** The KLDS will allow policymakers, educators, and businesses to use data-driven insights to improve educational outcomes and workforce readiness.
- **Workforce Alignment:** Kansas needs a centralized system to track and align educational pathways with in-demand industries, supporting students and workers in career advancement.
- **Data Privacy & Security:** This bill includes robust safeguards to protect personal information while ensuring responsible data use.
- **Cost-Effective Research:** HB 25RS0630 will streamline data access, reducing inefficiencies and helping state agencies make informed, cost-saving policy decisions.

I urge you to support HB 25RS0630 and advance this important initiative. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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