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Proponent Testimony on Senate Bill 340 (Written-Only Testimony)
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Chairwoman Erickson and Members of Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support of Senate Bill 340**, which makes a targeted and responsible clarification to the Kansas Promise Scholarship Program.

The Kansas Promise Scholarship is a powerful workforce and affordability tool. It was designed to remove financial barriers for Kansans pursuing high-value credentials and degrees aligned with the state’s workforce needs. **Senate Bill 340** strengthens the integrity of that program by ensuring scholarship dollars are used for coursework that directly advances students toward completion of a promise-eligible program.

By prohibiting the use of Kansas Promise Scholarship funds for standalone remedial or prerequisite coursework outside of an approved program of study, **Senate Bill 340** reinforces a clear and important principle. Limited public dollars should be focused on credits that count toward credential attainment. This clarity helps ensure the program remains sustainable, predictable, and aligned with outcomes that matter for students, employers, and taxpayers.

Kansas has made a strong commitment to expanding postsecondary access and workforce alignment. **Senate Bill 340** is a prudent step that protects that investment, prioritizes completion, and keeps the Promise Scholarship focused on its core mission.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Committee to support Senate Bill 340.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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