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Neutral Testimony for SB 382
Seante Committee on Education
Frank Harwood, Deputy Commissioner
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Chair Erickson and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding Seante Bill 382 concerning the administration of state assessments in virtual schools.

All accredited public and nonpublic schools in Kansas are required to administer the Kansas State Assessment Program. In 2023, the legislature passed legislation providing virtual schools with the option to administer the state assessments virtually. As part of the assessment administration, a third-party proctor was required to monitor the assessments through video.

All schools are required to allow KSDE to monitor testing sessions from time to time, therefore, the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) requests the addition of language in the bill that clarifies this requirement. Additionally, KSDE requests language that clarifies that the virtual school is responsible for the cost of providing the assessment proctor, in the same manner as in-person testing.

KSDE would be happy to work with any legislator and the revisors to write appropriate amendments to the bill.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to offer neutral testimony concerning SB 382.

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