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Madame Chair and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

On behalf of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce and our nearly 1,800 members, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 335, AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to dual enrollment; authorizing payment of tuition and fees for students dually enrolled; etc.

This legislation essentially allows a school district to use general fund dollars to pay for secondary education credits for Kansas high school students, grades ten through twelve, and grades nine through twelve for gifted students. Current statute allows high school students to attend secondary educational institutions while in high school, but school districts are prohibited from paying the costs associated with said educational activities.

The Chamber stands in strong support of S.B. 335 because we believe it is sound public policy that benefits both students and Kansas job creators that are desperate for trained and educated workers.

With this in mind, we urge the Committee to report S.B. 335 favorable for passage.

Thank you again for this opportunity and I am happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Very truly yours,

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