

Good afternoon, Representatives. My name is Kathlynn Short, and I am the Chief of Staff for the Wichita State Student Government Association.

During our last student senate meeting, a resolution in support of this bill was proposed, and passed by the student senate with unanimous consent. Our senators know our students, and our students are struggling with the cost of college. House Bill 2265 would allow a slight alleviation of that cost, and the money saved can benefit students in a myriad of ways. According to a WSU "cost of attendance" calculator, students spend about \$1,250 on books and supplies, per year. Sales tax on that is roughly \$80. Those \$80 could be spent on groceries, prescription medicine, or even on their tuition.

Especially now, during the Coronavirus pandemic, Kansans are struggling financially. Our students are facing a financial crisis and a health crisis, and attempting to learn through it all. We at Wichita State Student Government are doing what we can to advocate for our students, and we believe the passing of House Bill 2265 would aid in the accessibility of college. Students across Kansas would, without a doubt, benefit from the passage of this bill.