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Kansas Association of Community College Trustees

## Proponent Testimony on HB 2132 Promise Act Clarifications

Thank you for the opportunity today to testify on a few clarifications to the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act. The Kansas Promise Scholarship Act was first passed two years ago, last year was tweaked, and now will be slightly tweaked again to ensure clarity with legislative intent. The Kansas Promise Scholarship Act is not just another scholarship program but is a new innovative economic development tool addressing the most pressing challenge facing Kansas businesses, a skilled workforce shortage. The Kansas Promise Scholarship Act is a “last dollar” program. It targets to the most in-demand occupation fields in the state increasing access to two-year skilled trades programs for Kansas high school graduates and adults who have lived in Kansas at least three years and need to re-skill or up-skill. Additionally, this Act is a targeted economic development tool focusing these scholarship dollars on jobs within the Kansas economy which are in the highest demand to help companies meet the talent needs they have today and in the future. To help “repay the investment” students receive through these scholarships the student recipients are required to reside and work in Kansas two years post certificate, Associate’s degree completion, or upon completion of a higher degree. Kansas Community Colleges believe the residency portion of the bill not only helps retain population in the state of Kansas but provides Kansas companies the best chance at hiring this top-quality talent. The Kansas Promise Act is also an extremely effective rural revitalization tool. As a last dollar program this Act may not be as expensive as one may think. This program would only kick-in after all other scholarship and Pell grant dollars are applied to the student’s tuition, fees, and textbook/material obligations. For example, the average Pell award for Kansas Community College students per semester is \$3,620. The average Kansas Community College resident tuition and fees per semester is \$1,780. Even if you add another \$500 per semester for books/materials that would be \$2,280 per semester in student costs. Therefore, tuition, fees, books/materials would be paid in full by the Pell grant and the student would have funds remaining to be applied to housing. In this example, the student would not utilize the Kansas Promise Act because their other financial aid covered all their tuition, fee, book/material costs. Over, 44% of Kansas Community College students receive Pell grants. The Kansas Promise Act helps the lower middle-class students whose parents make a little too much to qualify for Pell but are unable to pay for their child’s education requiring them to take on student loans. Included in the bill is a provision which allows for claw-back of the scholarship funds through either the state set-off program or collections companies to ensure students who receive this scholarship uphold the two year living and working requirements.

**Student Eligibility Requirements:** 1. Be a U.S. citizen and Kansas resident; 2. Have a family household income of: \$100,000 or less for families of 1-2; \$150,000 or less for a family of three, or for households larger than three a income of \$150,000 plus \$4,800 for each additional family member; 3. Graduated from a Kansas secondary school within the preceding 12 months; or be a Kansas resident for at least three years immediately preceding the Promise application; or be a dependent child of a military servicemember permanently stationed in another state within the preceding 12 months and graduated; or have been in the Kansas foster case system anytime during grades 9-12 and not be eligible for the foster care tuition waiver.

**Limits:** Must take a least 6 credit hours a year, finish program within 36 months, and awards may not exceed \$20,000.

**Eligible fields of study:** Information technology and security; Physical and mental health care; Early childhood education and development; Advanced manufacturing and building trades; or One more are which the college designates which may come from the following fields of study: agriculture; food and natural resources; education and training; law, public safety, corrections and security; or distribution and logistics. *(This is where the word transportation needs to be added).*

***This bill does three things: 1. Adds the word transportation as it was inadvertently omitted last year. 2. Adds Elementary and Secondary Education as Eligible fields of study. 3. Clarifies the independent college language to ensure the language is clear so that KBOR can distributes Kansas Promise Scholarship funds in accordance with legislative intent. We urge your support of these changes and encourage you to utilize the idea of investing in additional scholarship dollars with a two year live and work requirement in Kansas. This ensures that the money you invest will be returned to you by retaining the highly trained Kansas workforce in Kansas.***

Kansas Community Colleges provide 77% of the technical education in Kansas and serve over 92,000 students while Kansas Technical Colleges serve 16,000 students. Kansas Community Colleges serve more adult students than any other part of the higher education system and 80% of students are considered part-time as they work and learn.

Institution Name	Promise Award Recipients	Credit Hours	Full-Time Equivalent	Total Tuition and Fees	Promise Scholarship Award	Other Aid excluding Loans and Work Study
<b>Community Colleges</b>						
Allen Community College	12	158.0	5.3	\$19,708	\$11,669	\$8,039
Barton Community College	15	364.0	12.1	\$134,492	\$31,122	\$27,431
Butler Community College	122	1,810.0	60.3	\$341,969	\$280,279	\$61,802
Cloud County Community College	13	212.0	7.1	\$42,212	\$32,717	\$9,495
Coffeyville Community College	12	334.0	11.1	\$71,980	\$57,284	\$14,699
Colby Community College	6	93.0	3.1	\$25,805	\$11,613	\$10,700
Cowley Community College	75	1,346.0	44.9	\$235,564	\$189,004	\$46,560
Dodge City Community College	12	366.0	12.2	\$51,726	\$34,323	\$13,631
Fort Scott Community College	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
Garden City Community College	10	222.0	7.4	\$40,653	\$27,031	\$13,622
Highland Community College	41	757.0	25.2	\$260,680	\$180,025	\$62,886
Hutchinson Community College	67	1,302.5	43.4	\$225,442	\$173,179	\$48,160
Independence Community College	5	85.0	2.8	\$14,903	\$12,527	\$2,376
Johnson County Community College	137	2,204.0	73.5	\$314,844	\$264,637	\$52,194
Kansas City Kansas Community College	26	406.0	13.5	\$69,544	\$52,187	\$17,357
Labette Community College	9	202.0	6.7	\$28,957	\$21,812	\$6,133
Neosho County Community College	54	754.0	25.1	\$222,170	\$158,173	\$54,520
Pratt Community College	17	516.0	17.2	\$114,101	\$72,292	\$35,815
Seward County Community College	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
<b>Community Colleges Total</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>11,197.5</b>	<b>373.2</b>	<b>\$2,226,260</b>	<b>\$1,617,191</b>	<b>\$489,211</b>

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<b>Technical Colleges</b>						
Flint Hills Technical College	23	567.0	18.9	\$255,372	\$150,927	\$86,005
Manhattan Area Technical College	11	293.0	9.8	\$105,593	\$88,239	\$16,542
North Central Kansas Technical College	46	1,516.0	50.5	\$433,851	\$289,639	\$144,210
Northwest Kansas Technical College	12	425.0	14.2	\$108,700	\$62,348	\$51,091
Salina Area Technical College	59	1,448.0	48.3	\$489,966	\$278,252	\$210,814
Washburn Institute of Technology	89	1,954.0	65.1	\$474,972	\$296,369	\$277,347
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	143	2,761.0	92.0	\$904,516	\$482,125	\$369,126
<b>Technical Colleges Total</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>8,964.0</b>	<b>298.8</b>	<b>\$2,772,970</b>	<b>\$1,647,899</b>	<b>\$1,155,135</b>

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<b>Independent Institutions</b>						
Cleveland University	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
Donnelly College	14	244.0	8.1	\$116,660	\$86,791	\$25,987
Hesston College	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
Midamerica Nazarene University	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5	Less than 5
Newman University	24	468.0	15.6	\$632,648	\$99,244	\$372,533
<b>Independent Institutions Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>757.0</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>\$779,112</b>	<b>\$192,283</b>	<b>\$414,261</b>

Program Type	Promise Award Recipients	Credit Hours	Full-Time Equivalent	Total Tuition and Fees	Promise Scholarship Award	Other Aid excluding Loans and Work Study
<b>Community Colleges</b>						
Advanced Manufacturing and Building Trades	113	2,679.0	89.3	\$442,167	\$324,289	\$108,060
Early Childhood Education and Development	54	789.0	26.3	\$112,988	\$87,236	\$22,299
Mental and Physical Healthcare	370	5,915.0	197.2	\$1,302,483	\$933,405	\$281,685
Information Technology and Security	63	1,000.0	33.3	\$155,294	\$118,693	\$30,045
Institution Designated Program	39	814.5	27.2	\$213,328	\$153,568	\$47,122
<b>Community Colleges Total</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>11,197.5</b>	<b>373.3</b>	<b>\$2,226,260</b>	<b>\$1,617,191</b>	<b>\$489,211</b>
<b>Technical Colleges</b>						
Advanced Manufacturing and Building Trades	111	3,111.0	103.7	\$853,237	\$575,113	\$305,149
Mental and Physical Healthcare	235	4,918.0	163.9	\$1,680,585	\$908,330	\$784,159
Information Technology and Security	36	798.0	26.6	\$206,245	\$142,449	\$51,985
Institution Designated Program	7	137.0	4.6	\$32,903	\$22,007	\$13,842
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