



**Written proponent testimony**

**House Education Committee**

**on**

**HB 2132, expanding the eligible fields of study and establishing a maximum scholarship amount for certain private postsecondary educational institutions in the Kansas promise scholarship act.**

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**Chairman, Members of the Committee:**

KASB supports HB 2132, which would expand the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act to include elementary education, secondary education and transportation.

Teacher shortages and the decrease in students entering teacher training has been well-documented and must be addressed to provide our students with the best education possible. During our meetings this summer with school board members and other K-12 officials, the problems of teacher shortages and the need for increased special education funding were always mentioned as the top two concerns. KASB believes this legislation fits with our Delegate Assembly's support for improving teacher recruitment and retention of highly qualified staff to continue to promote student success.

Thank you.

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