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### **Testimony of Support (Written Only)**

**HB 2132 - AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to the Kansas promise scholarship act; expanding the eligible fields of study; establishing a maximum scholarship amount for certain private postsecondary institutions; amending K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-32,272, 74-32,273 and 74-32,274 and repealing the existing sections.**

**Presented to the House Committee on Education**

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**by**

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**Kansas State Board of Education**

Chairman Thomas, Vice - Chairwoman Estes, Ranking Minority Member Stogsdill and members of the House Committee on Education:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2132. The bill makes several modifications to the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act.

While the Kansas State Board of Education has no direct responsibility for oversight of the Act, and has no position on most of the changes, we support the inclusion of elementary education and secondary education as eligible fields of study. There is a shortage of teachers at all levels in K-12 education in Kansas, and this change may very well encourage more students to enter teacher preparation programs.

We ask the Committee to forward this bill to the entire House for its consideration.

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