



Oral proponent testimony
House Education Committee

on

HB 2138, creating the career technical education credential and transition incentive for employment success act to provide additional state aid to certain school districts for students who obtain career technical education credentials.

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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2138, which would allow school districts to receive reimbursements for offering approved career technical education (CTE) industry-sought credentials.

KASB's legislative priorities support the Kansas State Board of Education's Kansans Can vision and outcomes, including efforts to increase postsecondary success, both in high school and after graduation. By reimbursing districts for approved, industry-sought credentials, more students will have access to courses that will better prepare them for careers after graduation. If more students can earn industry-recognized credentials and certifications, Kansas can increase its postsecondary success rate.

Furthermore, data shows that increased educational attainment can increase earnings and reduce the poverty rate. Students who complete CTE credentials graduate high school with additional experiences and skills that make them better candidates for future employment. This not only benefits students through potentially higher earnings, but also the local businesses and industries that will employ a more knowledgeable workforce.

Thank you

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