

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Amanda Grosserode at 3:30pm on Wednesday, March 04, 2015, 281-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research Department
Cathy Foxworthy, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Nick Myers, Office of Revisor
Ben Wilhelm, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Bollier, State of Kansas House Representative
Tom Kerbs, Governmental Relations Specialist
Blake Flanders, Phd, Vice President for Workforce Development
P J Reilly, Director of College and Career Readiness USD 26 Valley Center Schools
Mike Gibson, Executive Vice President, AGC of Kansas
Cheryl Semmel, Executive Director of USA Kansas

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill Hearing HB2394 — Career technical education incentive draw down.

Nick Myers briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Grosserode opened the hearing on **HB 2394**

The following Conferees spoke to the bill.

Proponent

Rep. Bollier spoke in favor of bill and stood for questions. She stated that the Governor's budget had called for the elimination of \$1.5 million for Technical Education support, specifically for tech ed programs. **HB2394** would provide funds to continue the program. ([Attachment 1](#))

Neutral

The following were neutral on the bill and stood for questions.

Tom Kerbs spoke to the bill and testified after hearing Representative Bollier explain the bill, he felt there should be support funding for tech ed. ([Attachment 2](#))

Blake Flanders spoke to the bill as neutral. He feels the tech ed funding is needed and is has been increasing used. ([Attachment 3](#))

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Opponent

The following were opposed to the bill and stood for questions.

P J Reilly spoke in opposition to the bill, he feels it needs to be fully funded. The tech ed program has helped people attain their graduation and given them a start to a college education. ([Attachment 4](#))

Mike Gibson spoke in opposition to the bill. He stated if tech ed is not funded as in the past, that the state will be losing trade people. That Kansas had set a good program and a good example for other states.

([Attachment 5](#))

- Cheryl Semmel spoke in opposition to the bill. She stated that the funding had help schools to implement new programs and help support some students in tech ed with supplies they needed for the program. ([Attachment 6](#))

Opponent Written only

The following had presented written testimony in opposition to the bill

. Adam Mills ([Attachment 7](#))

Cloys Bayless ([Attachment 8](#))

The hearing on **HB 2394** was closed by Chairman Grosserode. Chairman Grosserode adjourned the meeting at 4:48 PM.