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### JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES & REGULATIONS

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#### AMENDMENTS TO K.A.R. 88-24-2

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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee, I am Jacqueline Johnson, Director of Private Postsecondary Education and Adult Testing at the Kansas Board of Regents. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today on behalf of the Board regarding a proposed change to K.A.R. 88-24-2 that will establish new GED (General Education Development) test score requirements.

In accordance with K.S.A. 72-4530, the Kansas Board of Regents is the state agency charged with administering the GED test. GED Testing Service (GED TS is a joint venture between the American Council on Education and Pearson, PLC) is the creator and owner of the GED test. As the owners of the GED test and with the creation of the new 2014 version, the Council and Pearson have changed what constitutes a passing score. Because we rely upon them to determine national averages, we believe the score they consider to be passing should be the one used by Kansas. We are therefore seeking to change our regulation to reflect that new score. The passing scores for this new test were determined using high school seniors preparing to graduate from high school.

The new 2014 test is different from the 2002 GED in many ways. One such difference is that a passing score on the 2014 GED test is intended to be more reflective of our students' readiness for college and careers.

Early indicators of future success using the 2014 GED are:

- Survey results this year show that 2014 GED graduates are starting college in higher numbers than we have ever experienced with about 67% of them telling us they plan to enroll, 60% have already applied, and 90% of those who have applied have been accepted. Historically only 35% have enrolled in programs.
- Pass rates have been rising throughout 2014; Kansas is 66% (nationally it is 60%).
- The number of test takers is increasing as adult education becomes more comfortable with the curriculum and more confident in its interactions with students.

I am happy to address any questions you may have.