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HB 2731

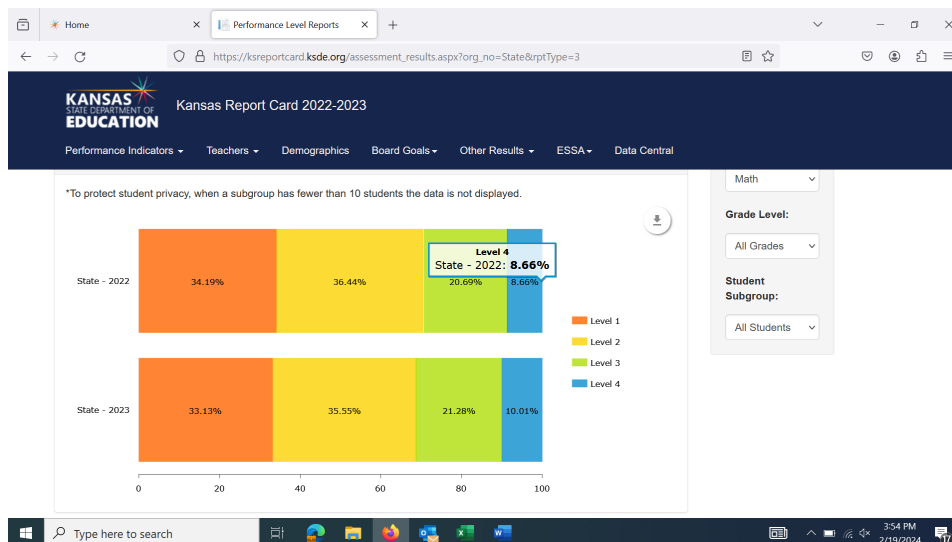
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Proponent

Thank you, Chairman Thomas and members of the Committee for allowing me to testify in support of HB 2731.

This year, I have undertaken an in-depth study of standardized test scores. This would not have been possible without the fulfillment of numerous information requests for data from the Kansas Department of Education. I compliment them. My review of the materials revealed having easy access to the total number of students participating in the standardized test provides the reader with much greater context.

The image below shows what is currently available to the reader, percentages only.



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The other part of the report tracks actual outcomes related to college and career readiness by quantifying how many Kansas graduates pursued post-secondary paths after graduation. College and career readiness are the goals and can be measured. In fact, this report was offered by the Commissioner Randy Watson last session.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify. I'll stand for questions at the appropriate time.