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Testimony in Support of SB 193- Degree Prospectus

Thank you Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member Winn, and members of the committee for the opportunity to testify today in support of SB 193 on behalf of the more than 50,000 Americans for Prosperity activists in Kansas.

AFP is an organization that strongly believes in the issue of transparency in government, both in expenditure of tax dollars, and the value that Kansans receive for their investment. Before investing their resources and taxpayer funding for an education program, students should have the ability to see the likely outcome of that investment. SB 193 provides a great resource for parents and students alike, and should be provided for every student seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree in Kansas.

The bill, as currently before the Committee, allows institutions to offer up to \$100 for graduates to participate in post-graduation surveys. We would recommend SB 193 be amended to eliminate these payments, reducing the expected expense by \$4.2 million.

With the addition of the proposed language, Americans for Prosperity-Kansas supports this step forward for good government and transparency in Kansas higher education.

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