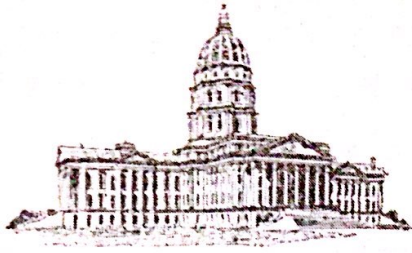


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Dear Honorable Members of the Senate Education committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 470. The purpose of this bill is to provide more opportunities for students with physical disabilities to participate in adaptive athletics at the college level. Some of the students who would benefit from this are our best and brightest. They are innovators, future job creators and have much to contribute to our communities. With the passage of SB 470, Kansas colleges may apply for matching grants to create programs throughout Kansas that would attract and retain members of this population so that they can grow and enrich both the academic environment and our great state.

This bill is funded by the voluntary donations of Kansas taxpayers. It is intended to be budget neutral, and any amendments to help ensure the budget neutrality of SB 470 would be welcomed.

I sincerely thank you for taking the time to consider SB 470.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Whipple". The signature is stylized with long, sweeping strokes. Below the signature, the name "Dr. Brandon J. Whipple" is printed in a standard font.

Dr. Brandon J. Whipple