



**House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee
Testimony in Support of House Bill 2507
Presented by Kristi Brown, Sr. Director of Government Affairs**

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Mister Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Kristi Brown, Senior Director of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony in support of House Bill 2507.

HB2507 exemplifies the type of innovative planning by the Kansas Legislature that we love to support. Ensuring that Kansas companies can bring students into their work place to provide work based learning and internships will help build a better, highly educated and trained workforce. We appreciate all the hard work the Chairman and other members of this Committee have put into coming up with a plan that protects both the businesses and the students.

We believe this legislation will be a catalyst to the expansion of off campus, work based learn opportunities for students while also providing Kansas Companies the chance to develop working relationships with the next generation of our workforce and highlight the great jobs available to our students in Kansas.

We thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB2507 and I am happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.