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## Written Proponent Testimony

HB 2631 – Enacting the Career Technical Education Credential and Transition Incentive for Employment Act; providing state aid to school districts for students obtaining a credential; establishing the career technical education credential and transition incentive fund

Presented to the  
House Education Committee  
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By  
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Chairman Huebert, Vice-Chairman Thomas, Ranking Minority Member Stogsdill and members of the House Education Committee:

Thank you for allowing us to share our thoughts in regard to HB 2631.

This bill establishes a fund in the state treasury to be administered by the Kansas State Board of Education. The fund would reimburse the cost of the assessment(s) required of students seeking a career technical education credential. The state board would determine the amount due to each school district based on the cost of each assessment and the number of students who, after completing the required assessment, obtained an industry-recognized career technical education credential.

Such a fund would ensure **ALL** students would be able to take the assessment, which could lead to the students earning an industry-recognized career technical education credential.

Thank you again for the consideration of our thoughts regarding HB 2631.