



Senate Committee on Education

Testimony in Support of House Bill 2287

Presented by Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs

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Madam Chair and members of the committee, my name is Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2287, establishing the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act.

HB 2287 is a simple but effective workforce development tool that would establish a scholarship program for students who enter high-demand educational programs. Under this plan, the board of regents and department of commerce would collaborate to identify up to 10 job fields and career pathways with the highest level of need for skilled employees.

In closing, workforce needs continues to be a top concern for the business community. We believe House Bill 2287 would provide great value to students, employers, and the state. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have at the appropriate time.