



Testimony to Kansas House Education Committee
SB 66 Written Proponent Testimony
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The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce (KC Chamber) urges the House Committee on Education to favorably pass SB 66 which would enact the interstate teacher mobility compact to recognize equivalent teacher licenses across member states. The KC Chamber, representing nearly 2,000 businesses (40% of which are in Kansas), and its Board of Directors, has identified teacher recruitment as a critical and immediate need in the greater Kansas City area. The Chamber believes this bill will provide more educators for the Kansas City area and will also increase the pool of qualified educators to fill jobs in the greater Kansas City area and across the state.

The KC Chamber believes that educational attainment and success of students and our community requires a high-quality public education system that includes high quality educators. The Chamber supports policies to reduce barriers to employment and encourage participation in the regional workforce and measures to enhance teacher recruitment, and retention.

The KC Chamber believes that by enacting an interstate teacher mobility compact between member states, Kansas can remove a barrier to workforce participation in education. The KC Chamber encourages this committee to pass SB 66 with a favorable recommendation.

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