

Written Testimony on **HB 2138**

submitted to the

Senate Education Committee

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We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of **HB 2138**, a measure that would provide additional state aid to school districts, and other educational institutions, for students who obtain career technical education credentials.

By assisting districts, such as Topeka – USD 501 and their successful Topeka Center for Advanced Learning & Careers (TCALC) program, with reimbursement for credentials that are sought by industry, more students will have access to courses. This is a win for business/industry as they will have the high-demand employees they are seeking. Likewise it is a win for the students, who can have guaranteed employment with possibly higher starting wages after course completion, as they start their work careers in high-demand fields.

Once again, we support this measure and the concepts it embodies and respectfully ask you to vote YES for the positive impact this measure can have on the future.

Thank you for your consideration.