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Senate Committee on Education Proponent of House Bill 2138

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Good afternoon, Chair Baumgardner and Members of the Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 2138.

One of the best workforce development programs in Kansas is Excel in CTE (SB 155) that now has over 13,000 high school students participating. Unfortunately, some of the students who participate in this program are unable to afford to take the certification exams. HB 2138 addresses this concern by funding industry-sought credentials.

The Kansas Board of Regents is currently required to create a list of industry required certifications in partnership with the Kansas State Board of Education after consultation with the Department of Labor as part of the Excel in CTE program requirements (KSA 72-3819). The requirements of HB 2138 will allow for the creation of one consistent list.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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