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HB 2519 is full of good intentions. We agree with you that high school students and counselors should have information that allows them to make the best decisions when it comes to what they will pursue after graduation.

We fully understand why you might be interested in collecting all the data listed in this bill and we fully understand why students (or perhaps their parents) might have some interest in all this data.

We also know that several agencies and organizations already provide this data in easily accessible web resources.

We would point to Kansas Career Navigator, a site which was created through a partnership between the Kansas Department of Education, Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas Department of Labor, and the Kansas Board of Regents.

Additionally, the Kansas Board of Regents manages Kansas Degree Stats which allows for the exploration of fields of study and the cost of attendance.

We believe it is enough to provide our counselors, students, and parents with ready access to Kansas Degree Stats and the Kansas Career Navigator where they will find the information, they need on those topics of interest to them.

It might be necessary to call for a program to better promote these existing resources, but we believe it is unnecessary to create a parallel system. It is a cost that is just not needed.

We would urge you to set this bill aside and instead to encourage the promotion of the existing programs so that parents, students, and counselors are more aware of what is already available.