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Written Neutral Testimony

SB 63 - Expanding the provision of the ACT college entrance exam and WorkKeys assessments to nonpublic school students

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Chairwoman Williams, Vice Chairman Hoffman, Ranking Minority Member Winn and Members of the Committee,

SB 63 seeks to expand provision of the ACT college entrance exam and WorkKeys assessments to students enrolled in nonpublic schools. Since the possible placement of this issue on our Legislative Priorities was not considered by the State Board of Education, we offer neutral testimony.

When there is no additional expense to the state because of the current agreement the Department of Education has negotiated with ACT Inc. supplying the assessments, it makes perfect sense to include all Kansas students regardless of whether they are enrolled in a public or a non-public school.

Hopefully, the result will be more of our graduating seniors choosing to attend postsecondary venues to earn an industry-recognized certificate in a trade or a postsecondary degree.

Thank you for considering the funding for Kansas students of the ACT college entrance exam and the WorkKeys assessment.