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House Committee on Education Testimony in Support of HB 2085

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Good afternoon Chairman Huebert and Members of the Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding HB 2085.

This bill, the Students' Right to Know Act, would require the State Department of Education to make sure that students and their parents know about the Board of Regents' Kansas DegreeStats site¹ created five years ago, as well as our annual Kansas Training Information Program report.

We completely agree that Kansas high school students should be well-informed when making decisions about college, as well they should understand their potential earnings, which is why we worked with the Legislature in formulating our website that identifies the costs as well as wages earned upon graduation for graduates of Kansas degree programs. We have been working with the Department of Education to embed the site in students' Individual Plans of Study to emphasize its value in helping students and their families understand their postsecondary options.

Our agency also publishes the Kansas Training Information Program annually, which reports employment and wage data for all approved postsecondary career technical education programs offered by technical colleges, community colleges, and Washburn Institute of Technology². We consider this information also of great value to high school students, again in understanding their return on investment from our array of program options. We would be pleased to have a higher volume of traffic to our site and viewing our reports.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding this bill. I am happy to respond to questions.

¹ <https://www.ksdegreestats.org>

² https://kansasregents.org/workforce_development/k-tip-report