

Testimony on **SB 507**
before the
House Education Committee

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee;

When first introduced, the bill had two sections that created concern for KASB. The first was the omission of a school board member on the council. The second was the requirement that all 8th grade students develop a flexible career plan. Both of those concerns were addressed on the Senate side. As a result, we speak as a proponent for the bill.

As amended, **SB 507** will be helpful to our members as they work to improve math, engineering, technology and science instruction. This will hopefully spark a greater interest among students for those disciplines, the career opportunities associated with them, and the role they often play in important public policy decisions, such as the ones Kansans are currently engaged in as they discuss the future of electric generation and transmission in the state.

Thank you for your consideration.