



Oral Testimony as a Proponent before the

**Senate Committee on Education**

on

**SB 47 – Creating the student opportunity scholarship program.**

by

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Madam Chair, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on **SB 47**, which creates a scholarship on behalf of students who graduate from high school one year early that can be used for attending a Kansas Postsecondary Institution.

Although KASB members have not taken a specific position on this concept, we strongly support the Kansas State Board of Education's Kansas Can vision, with the key goal of increasing postsecondary credentials in Kansas.

This bill seems to be a positive way to promote that goal by allowing funding that would normally be used as base state aid in a student's senior year to be used to help pay for postsecondary costs if that student graduates prior to his or her senior year.

This approach would not penalize school districts financially, because they would not have received funding for the student in the first place.

We would note that the issue of funding students could become more complex as schools work to redesign. This bill is a simple approach that probably not apply to many students but would be an advantage for students who can move more quickly through high school and begin postsecondary studies.

Thank you for your consideration.