

Henry Ortega, Senior at Deerfield High School Proponent in Person HB2631

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Subject: Proponent & Supporter for HB2631 with the Short Title "Career technical education credential and transition incentive for employment success act; providing state aid to school districts for students obtaining a credential; establishing the career technical education credential and transition incentive fund." http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2021_22/asures/hb2631/

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Short Statement: Hello, My name is Henry Ortega and I am a senior at Deerfield High School. I am literally THAT student. I do not enjoy the traditional classes, I did not excel in school and I am uncertain of what I want to do with my life once I graduate. The one thing that I loved about school was our welding program. When I began this program I had found something I loved to do and could see myself doing after I graduate. I enjoyed the hands on learning and the skills I have gained being in this program.

This year I have earned my first American Welding certification, the 1G with backing and the 1F and 2F, before I graduate I plan to get my 2G with backing as well. I would love to become an independent welder and run my own business or company. Being allowed to get this certification in high school will allow me entrance into the welding profession so I learn more of the business side and the day to day workings of being a welder.

I am uncertain if I will attend a trade school, so I am happy for the opportunity that the school has given to receive these certifications so that I can be successful when I enter the workforce.

Thanks!