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Proponent Testimony
House Committee on Taxation
House Bill 2265
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Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Mason, Ranking Member Gartner, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2265: Providing a sales tax exemption for required textbooks and authorizing a local sales tax on required textbooks. I appear before you today as a colleague; however, I have been involved in this discussion since my time as Student Body Vice President at the University of Kansas.

As we all know well, the cost of attending a career & technical education program, community college, or a four-year university continues to rise. Part of this increase is due to the increase in costs associated with required textbooks. This bill would provide sales tax relief to the more than 265,000 students enrolled in the Kansas Board of Regents and Kansas Independent Colleges systems.

Should it be the will of this committee to work HB 2265, I would consider it a friendly amendment to address the concerns of the Department of Revenue regarding the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement.

Thank you for your time, and I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brandon Woodard".

Brandon Woodard
State Representative