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Chairman Thomas, and members of the House Education committee.

Thank you for allowing Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW, to testify today as a proponent of SB 123.

This Bill, when passed will allow military veterans, spouses, or dependents of such veterans who were stationed in Kansas for at least 11 months as residents to return to postsecondary educational institutions in Kansas and receive instate tuition fees.

This is an excellent opportunity to recoup citizens back to Kansas and with a solid opportunity to keep them, once they graduate, in the Kansas workforce. While they are living here as students they will be purchasing goods and services and paying sales tax on those items which in the long run will help the economy of Kansas.

Kansas VFW strongly supports SB 123 as an effort to help this great state of Kansas grow into the future.

I would now stand for questions.