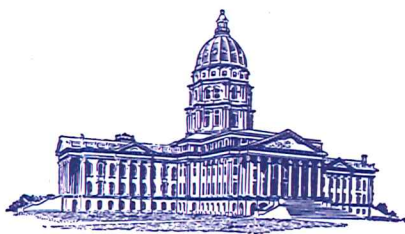


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**Proponent Testimony for SB 123**

Thank you, Chairman Thomas and Committee Members for the opportunity to appear before you today in support of SB 123.

I believe Americans appreciate our military and are glad to provide them with benefits that they're not necessarily willing to provide to others. I know SEK citizens are happy to do something special for military veterans and their families as an expression of appreciation for their service to our nation.

I see SB123 as doing two things – one for the veteran and their immediate family members, and one for the State of Kansas.

For veterans and their family it gives them another option/choice in choosing their school for higher education. Additionally, it saves them money on tuition expenses, if they choose a Kansas College or University.

For the State it can provide additional residents and as we all know these additional residents will bring economic benefits. The population in Kansas has been stagnate for several years, Kansas needs more residents. I see passing SB 123 as a small step toward incentivizing population growth.

However, my main reason for co-sponsoring SB 123 is because of a sincere desire to show appreciation for the sacrifice both the veterans and their families, but especially the veterans, have made for our country.

I ask the committee to recommend SB 123 favorably for passage.

I'm happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.