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Kansas Association of Community College Trustees

Kansas Community College Testimony in Opposition to HB 2519

Thank you for the opportunity today to testify on HB 2519. Kansas community colleges are the most economical opportunity for higher education in the state of Kansas, providing a significant return on investment to students who can complete higher education in two years or less and enter the workforce. In order to illustrate the community college program offerings and value, there are various information systems already in place. These systems are already accessible to the K-12 system, parents, and students to do research about what career field, which college, and the cost of higher education for the area of study the student may wish to pursue.

You may be unaware of multiple similar electronic resources already in use in Kansas which are similar to what would be required to be developed under HB 2519. A number of those resources are outlined below.

Kansa Career Navigator is a site which was created through partnerships between the Kansas Department of Education, Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas Department of Labor, and the Kansas Board of Regents.



The screenshot shows the Kansas Career Navigator website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with a white location pin icon on the left and the text "KANSAS CAREER NAVIGATOR" in white. Below the header, there are two main content areas. The left area is titled "Occupations & College Programs" and includes the text: "Learn about high demand, high wage occupations near you, as well as opening forecasts, wages and more." The right area is titled "High School Career Pathways" and includes the text: "Find high school and college courses plus other opportunities to gain knowledge and experience in high demand occupations." The background of the content areas features a blurred image of hands working on a laptop.

Kansas Degree Stats which is managed by the Kansas Board of Regents and allows exploration of fields of study and cost of attendance.



Degree Title: ELECTRICAL & POWER TRANSMISSION

Award: Associate Degree - AAS

Required Hours: 65

Definition: A program that generally prepares individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills to install indoor and outdoor residential, commercial, and industrial electrical systems, and associated power transmission lines. Includes instruction in electricity, safety procedures, wiring, insulation and grounding, schematic blueprint interpretation, equipment operation and maintenance, and applicable codes and standards.

Annual Cost of Degree	
Cost Category	
Resident Tuition	\$1,702
Fees	\$1,412
Room and Board	\$5,996
Books and Supplies	\$1,338
Total Annual Cost (estimated)	\$10,448
Estimated Total Cost Over: 2 Years	\$21,237

Annual Source of Investment	
Funding Sources	
Scholarships and Grants	\$ 2070
Loans	\$ 5766
Other Funding Sources	\$
Personal Investment	\$2,612
Total Annual Investment from All Sources	\$10,448

Wage Information	
% of Program Graduates Employed in the Region	60%
Median Earnings of Program Graduates in Region	
Upon Entry	\$41,078
After 5 years	\$99,343
Or Choose your Own Earnings:	\$ 41078
More »	

Calculate Total Loan Debt or Degree Investment		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Loan Debt	<input type="radio"/> Degree Investment	\$11,532
Interest Rate:		3.76
Number of Years of Repayment	Estimated Monthly Payment	% of Expected Annual Earnings
10	\$115	3%
15	\$84	2%
20	\$68	2%
25	\$59	2%
30	\$53	2%
More »		

[Click here](#) to get a personal estimate from the Net Price Calculator.
[Click here](#) to use the Federal Loan Repayment Estimator.
[Click here](#) to visit the Federal College Scorecard.

Source: Kansas Board of Regents KHEDS AY Collection; KDOL Wage Records

The US Department of Education College Scorecard which shows almost all the cost of attendance, wage attainment, and student debt information outlined in the bill.



Pratt Community College

Pratt, KS
 651 undergraduate students
prattcc.edu

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Certificate
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Public
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Rural
- 
Small

Salary After Completing i

Salary after completing depends on field of study.

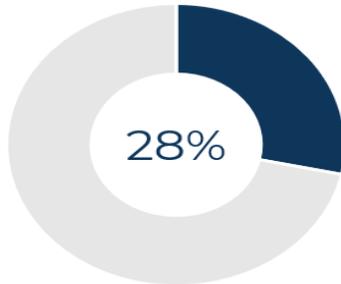


Average Annual Cost i

Cost includes tuition, living costs, books, and fees minus the average grants and scholarships for federal financial aid recipients.

\$8,104

Students Receiving Federal Loans



At some schools where few students borrow federal loans, the typical undergraduate may leave school with \$0 in debt.

Median Total Debt After Graduation

Total debt after graduation depends on field of study for undergraduate borrowers who complete college.



Typical Monthly Loan Payment

\$83/mo

Kansas Career Cruising is a system which allows students to explore careers, the cost of higher education, and the wage they should expect in the career field which they may be interested.



My Next Move is similar to Career Cruising and offers similar opportunities to learn about careers and the cost of higher education.



"I want to be a ..."

Search careers with key words.
Describe your dream career in a few words:

Examples: doctor, build houses

"I'll know it when I see it."

Browse careers by industry.
There are over 900 career options for you to look at. Find yours in one of these industries:

"I'm not really sure."

Tell us what you like to do.
Answer questions about the type of work you might enjoy. We'll suggest careers that match your interests and training.

Additionally, HB 2044 the Taxpayer and Student Transparency Act was passed last session with an implementation deadline of 2021 to provide transparency data to students, parents, and taxpayers on each community colleges website. All Kansas community colleges have complied with the provisions of this law and did so one year ahead of schedule. Kansas community colleges support transparency and agree that it is important that parents and students know what career fields are in high demand, what expected pay in those occupations will be, and the cost of higher education attendance. However, these data are already available online and HB 2519 creates duplication and will increase administrative burden and costs within each community college unnecessarily if colleges are asked to report this information again to KSDE when it is already being reported to various other entities. We support transparency and access to the information contemplated in HB 2519, but believe the goals of this bill can be achieved without creating another duplicative database.

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