Thank you for the opportunity today to testify in support of SB 284. Kansas Community Colleges support the K-12 system, both unified school districts and interlocal cooperatives, being able to request a disability placard for school district vehicles. This provides options for students to be transported in a school vehicle and have the benefit of being able to utilize handicap parking spaces. This bill will allow the school district to request a disability placard to better serve students. Community Colleges request a friendly amendment to allow the same opportunity for Kansas community college students and staff when being transported by or in a college vehicle.

Often our staff may be driving a student and must park in a less than ideal non-handicap space to unload the student and then go park and come back to meet the student. We can foresee many situations where being able to request a handicap placard could provide better access to both community college students and staff. Thank you for considering this friendly amendment request for inclusion in SB 284.

(g) The director of vehicles shall issue a permanent placard to any school district, or interlocal cooperative, or community college upon application to the director. Such placard shall only be used when transporting a pupil who otherwise qualifies pursuant to this section for a placard or license plate.

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