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Support of HB 2541

The Garden City Community College administration enthusiastically supports the passage of HB2541.

During the past three years, GCCC has worked cooperatively with our state Air and Army National Guard leadership to develop educational pathways and career opportunities for current and future Kansas soldiers. This year marks our second full year partnership between GCCC and the Kansas Air and Army National Guard.

Garden City is uniquely positioned to assist with serving the western portion of our state with direct access to post-secondary education. Moreover, our college has been recognized for the fourth year in a row by [military friendly.com](http://militaryfriendly.com) and are considered a "military friendly" college. In addition, GCCC has established the only ROTC program located on a two-year campus in the nation.

In summary, over the past two years, our faculty, staff and administration, have observed first-hand the positive results of providing education and career training to individuals who are committed to personal achievement. The military students demonstrated a high motivational aptitude for completing their intended degree or technical programs. Essentially, students in the Kansas Air and Army National Guard demonstrate how students strive toward personal and team/organizational success.

In my view, HB 2541 is an excellent example of leveraging limited public resources.

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