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Hello Mr. Chair, my name is Evan Rainville, and I am a sophomore at the University of Missouri. I am writing this on behalf of the Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM), an organization that has represented the 68,000+ students in the UM system for over 50 years. The STEM grant proposed in HB168 would help alleviate the financial burden placed on college students in Missouri. According to a 2024 poll conducted by ASUM across all UM system campuses, 45.3% of all students rate increased funding for STEM scholarships as very important. The survey also found that 49% of UM students cite college affordability as a major concern, and 94% of students say it is at least important to them. Focusing on the financial insecurity of attending college negatively affects students in the classroom and takes away from their ability to participate in opportunities such as internships or research, which puts them at a disadvantage when it is time to enter the workforce in addition to the debt they accumulate while attending college. This grant would not only impact students that are able to attend a UM campus, but also students for whom the financial barrier is so great that they cannot attend. Additional funds would provide these students with an opportunity they would not have received otherwise. This bill would also positively impact the Missouri workforce. The Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development has identified STEM as the fastest growing occupation area in the state. The number of jobs is expected to increase by 43,000 (11.05%) within Missouri by the year 2030. Since the vast majority of these jobs require a college degree, it is imperative that Missouri invests in the STEM students who will fill this need. This would not only give Missouri a more skilled workforce but also help students stay in-state after graduating, which is a major problem for Missouri, the 5th worst state in the nation in terms of brain drain, with a net 62% loss. Increasing funding for STEM students would reduce the student loan debt they face upon graduating, disincentivizing them to take a job elsewhere that can offer more immediate financial reward. This contributes positively to economic growth in Missouri. By addressing these financial concerns, Missouri can produce STEM professionals who can drive the state's economic growth.



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The American Council of Engineering Companies supports HB168, as this legislation will help assist students in the State of Missouri pursue education and careers in the field of STEM and to assist with workforce development with to meet the demands of Missouri's economy.



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