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Written Only Neutral Testimony

HB 2060 - AN ACT concerning education; relating to special education and related services; establishing the special education and related services funding task force; repealing K.S.A. 72-3441.

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Kansas State Board of Education

To

Committee on K-12 Education Budget

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Chairwoman Williams, Vice-Chairwoman Landwehr, and Ranking Minority Member Winn:

Thank you for allowing us to testify on HB 2060. This bill establishes a task force to study and make recommendations for changes in the existing formula for funding of special education and related services.

The Kansas State Board of Education takes a neutral position on the bill but has two recommendations for the Committee's consideration. First, since the current school funding formula sunsets in 2027, it might make more sense to establish this task force at a later date, when special education can be considered as part of a total education funding package.

Further, even if the Committee moves forward in recommending a task force to the Legislature, it should not delay increasing funding for special education services now, as recommended in both the Governor's budget and the State Board of Education's budget.

We ask the Committee to consider our recommendations, as we owe all Kansas public school students a quality education funded adequately and equitably. Thank you again for allowing this testimony.

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.