



Oral Neutral Testimony before the House Education Committee  
To  
Cardiac Emergency Response Plan Legislation

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Chairman Thomas, Members of the House Education Committee

I appreciate the opportunity to speak with the committee today. The United School Administrators of Kansas supports the concept behind the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan legislation. However, at this time we are unable to be a proponent of the legislation since there is information that we feel needs to be gathered from school districts. Currently it is unknown how many school districts currently have AED machines in their schools, how many school districts have trained staff in CPR, and how many districts currently have an Emergency Response Plan in place in their district. Also, at the present time there is not a fiscal note available on the legislation. We also discourage the legislature from establishing an unfounded mandate for the legislation.

The United School Administrators sent out a survey to schools on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, seeking answers to the above questions. We hope to have that information in the near future. If the committee makes the decision to work this bill, we should have the information from school districts to have a better idea of the requirements placed on districts by the bill and would be happy to share the information with the committee.

Respectfully,

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United School Administrators of Kansas