

Oral Neutral Testimony before the House K-12 Education Budget Committee
To
HB 2261 Authorizing boards of education districts to compensate board members for the duties
and obligations of board members.

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Chairperson Williams, Member of the House K-12 Education Budget Committee

I appreciate the opportunity to speak with the committee today. The United School Administrators of Kansas appears neutral on HB 2261. School administrators across Kansas work closely with Board of Education and wish to develop positive relationship with their boards. With the intent of doing what is best for students.

We would like to point out considerations the committee should be aware of as they consider this bill.

There is a vast difference of needs that exist from school district to school district in Kansas. Size of the district has so much to do with the workload of a board. Some boards have many commitments during a specific month where many boards meet once a month and do not meet again till the following month.

In many school districts the superintendent is selected as the chief negotiator for the board. In years of limited fiscal resources, the board and the teacher's association would be even more at odds when board members are receiving pay for serving on the board.

We would envision board members would receive pay for days they are on board business. It is our concern this could be taken advantage of and resented by the community.

Currently is Kansas Statute it is established that individuals serving on school boards receive no pay, nearly all board members I know accept the fact they are working in the best interest of the students of the district.

United School Administrators of Kansas members are eager to work positive work with Boards of Education. We wanted to bring the above issues to the committee regarding HB 2261.

Respectfully,

Jim Karleskint
United School Administrators of Kansas

