



Oral Neutral Testimony before the K-12 Education Budget Committee
To
HB 2594

Presented to the K-12 Education Budget Committee
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Chairman Williams, Members of the K-12 Education Budget Committee,

We are neutral in our testimony.

United School Administrators of Kansas supports the concept of beginning early to review the education funding formula prior to the deadline of 2027. Having been a member of the House K-12 Education Budget committee in 2017 and 2018 when the current formula was determined, I understand the challenge of bringing all parties up to speed on the process of funding public school in Kansas. However, we would like to recommend the consideration of adding committee members that deal with school finance on a daily basis. There is representation from an urban district and a rural district on the list of committee members. School finance is a complicated process I feel more choices can be considered with additional contribution from experts in the field. There is also no mention of a special education representative on the committee. We disagree with the abolishment of the task force but if the task force is abolished, there will be viewpoints left out. For these reasons we recommend consideration for additional members.

I appreciate the opportunity to share these points with the committee.

Respectfully,

Jim Karleskint
United School Administrators of Kansas