



Oral opponent testimony on

SB 407

Alternative teacher licensure

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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

KASB appears today in opposition to SB 304. Our opposition is based on our member-affirmed policies.

Our 2024 Resolution states that we support the State Board of Education's professional licensing standards for teachers and substitute teachers. Our Permanent Policies state, "KASB supports alternative routes to teacher and administrator licensure *for those who have not received traditional pedagogical training in a college of education*" (emphasis added).

Kansas currently has several alternative routes to teacher licensure, under the auspices of the State Board of Education. As a result, we feel this bill is unnecessary and duplicative.

Additionally, we're troubled by SB 407's specific prohibition on requiring prospective teachers to have any pedagogical training. This provision is ill advised and would deprive Kansas students of the highly qualified teachers they deserve and who will prepare them for a bright future.

For these reasons, we ask the committee to reject SB 407. Thank you.

KASB is a non-profit service organization built on an abiding belief in Kansas public schools. We have put the needs of students and K-12 leaders first since 1917.

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