

Oral Testimony before the
House Education Committee
On
HB 2139

Increasing the minimum expenditure amount for school districts for contracted goods and services without sealed bids and the minimum expenditure amount for goods and services that the district superintendent may acquire on behalf of the school district.

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Chair Estes and members of the House Education committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present proponent testimony on HB 2139. USA Kansas appears in support on this legislation.

- HB 2139 provides flexibility for school districts while at the same time maintaining responsible oversight of public dollars.
- The current amount of \$20,000 was established in 2003. Due to inflation and rising costs of goods and services in the past 22 years are significant.
- The amount of \$20,000 creates administrative burdens for what is many districts is considered a routine procurement procedure.
- By raising the amount to \$50,000 will allow districts to operate efficiently and acquire needed goods or services in an efficient manner.
- As an example, with the increased use of technology in school districts many software licenses exceed the \$20,000 amount. This legislation will allow districts to contract needed services and remain transparent with public dollars.
- This bill does not take away the local control of school boards. If a school board wishes to remain at the \$20,000 they may.

For these reasons United School Administrators of Kansas respectfully request that you pass HB 2139 out of committee.