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HB 2203 Adding FASD to the Conditions that May Establish Eligibility for Special Education

Proponent - Written Testimony for Hearing on January 15, 2026

Honorable Members of the House Committee on Education:

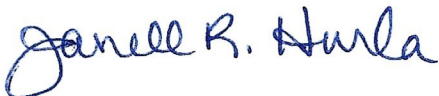
Thank you for the opportunity to provide information on HB 2203. I am a Kansas constituent and mom to a child with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). FASD is the developmental disability that results from prenatal exposure to alcohol. The CDC indicates it impacts up to 1 in 20 students.

My adoptive daughter was initially denied Special Education services because she was thought to be too bright; her IQ is in the low normal range. However, her FASD left her incapable of performing at the same level as her peers both academically and socially. So she struggled, and over time developed a poor attitude toward school because she needed assistance and initially was denied that help.

HB 2203 would assist families like mine because it would help establish eligibility for Special Education under the exceptionality of OHI. This would help so many students who are currently struggling.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my experience.

Sincerely,



Janell R. Hurla