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HB 2428 Requiring the state board of regents to establish curricula, etc.
Opponent – written testimony only
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Dear House Committee on Education,

I write in strong opposition to HB 2428. This bill would constrain the ability of the Kansas Board of Regents and higher education institutions to make important curricular decisions in which they have expertise. Further, this bill would harm vulnerable Kansans by impacting the nursing, education, and social work professions, which provide critical services to all Kansans.

It is my understanding from talking to people in the nursing, education, and social work fields that the proposed legislation would impact the accreditation of these post-secondary programs. We need Kansans to pursue higher education in these fields and stay in Kansas for their careers. I fear that if our public colleges and universities lose accreditation in these areas, students wanting to pursue nursing, education, and social work would leave the state for their education, and then not return.

I am an educator and legal services attorney who has represented low-income individuals my entire career. My clients are vulnerable—many have disabilities or are survivors of domestic violence. They benefit from social workers who can connect them with community resources and facilitate therapy. Their children benefit from teachers who provide education to help the next generation escape poverty. And nursing staff help them manage their health needs.

If nursing, education and social work programs of study lose accreditation, our communities will suffer. Please vote against HB 2428!

Sincerely,

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