

Oral Testimony before the  
House Education Committee

On  
HB 2510

Requiring each school district board of education to allocate membership association dues to individual board members and prohibiting the payment of such dues if a board member elects not to join such membership association.

by  
By Jim Karleskint, United School Administrators  
February 5, 2026

Chair Estes and members of the House Education committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present opposition testimony on HB 2510. As a former superintendent representing United School Administrators of Kansas, I am concerned that HB 2510 would weaken effective school governance, increase administrative burden, and undermine the training and cohesion needed for responsible board leadership.

HB 2510 creates administrative burden with no educational benefit. The bill requires school districts to track and manage dues at the individual board member level. It would divert public funds away from students without improving outcomes and accountability.

Effective boards of education function as a unified governing team, not as isolated individuals. By allowing selective participation we could see inconsistent policy knowledge among board members, reduced board cohesion, increased conflict and inefficiency, and greater risk of legal and procedural errors.

Local boards and superintendents should retain the authority to determine what professional organization supports best serve the district. HB 2510 represents a state legislative intrusion into local governance that is best made by elected board members. The bill does not address student achievement or fiscal responsibility, it does nothing to improve reading, math, graduation rates, or student safety.

As a former superintendent's perspective, HB 2510 weakens governance, increases administrative workload, undermines board unity, and diverts attention from students. For these reasons, I urge the committee to reject HB 2510. Thank you for your time and commitment to Kansas students.