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HB 2421 Requiring school districts to prohibit the use of personal electronic communication devices during school hours, prohibiting any employee of a school district from using social media to directly communicate with any student for official school purposes, and requiring school districts to report on the amount of screen time that certain students experience during a typical school day.

Neutral – oral in-person
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Thank you, Chairwoman and committee. My name is Aaron Granados, and I am representing Turner High School. We stood neutral on this bill because we understand that phones are a distraction during class, but at the same time, we believe the proposed idea is too extreme. At Turner, the district implemented a no-phone policy to enhance learning. The policy stated that no student would be allowed to use their phone during school hours unless it is before or after school, during passing period, and lunch. Ever since the restrictions took effect, there has been a dramatic decrease in cell phone use and an increase in participation and engagement during class. I can say this because I was at the school before and after the policy was set. Before the phone policy, I used to see a lot of students on their phones during instructional time, which was a major distraction; however, after the policy was put in place, I have rarely seen anyone on their phones. This policy has been extremely effective without the need to ban phones completely. If a student does use a phone when it is not allowed, there are punishments, which are fair and only get stricter the longer they are repeated. We encourage the legislature to follow through on allowing school districts to form successful policies, like the one at Turner. It not only saves valuable time throughout the school day but also helps students become self-disciplined and better learners.

I will stand for questions.