

Oral proponent testimony on HB 2236

**Codifying the MHIT program in statute** 

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Mr. Chair and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear in support of HB 2236.

KASB's member-affirmed legislative policy positions advocate for increased support for the mental health needs of students and staff; improved collaboration across agencies and with the Legislature to support educational outcomes for students in foster care or experiencing homelessness; and efforts to address other identified student health and safety issues. HB 2236 would help Kansas public schools in our continuing efforts to ensure a quality education for all Kansas children.

KASB applauds and supports the bill's codification of the crucial MHIT program, which has truly saved student lives in our state. Codification of the program would help us all in our important work to support student mental health.

Thank you.