



**Oral Neutral Testimony on
HB 2320, children in foster care
In
House K12 Education Budget Committee
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Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee,

KASB appears today as neutral on HB 2320. As always, our testimony is based on our member-adopted legislative policy.

Our 2025 State Resolution stipulates that we support *improved collaboration across agencies and with the Legislature to support educational outcomes for students in foster care or experiencing homelessness.*

School districts work closely with the Department of Children and Families to support the educational needs of children in foster care. Additionally, KASB is a standing member of the Kansas Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care Workgroup, which meets monthly.

We appear as neutral today because HB 2320 substantially duplicates federal law on the education of children in foster care, including that if it is not in the best interest of a foster child to remain in their school of origin, the child must be accepted without delay in their new school.

Here is the link to the federal Department of Education's November 2024 guidance on the implementing ESSA to support children in foster care: <https://www.ed.gov/media/document/non-regulatory-guidance-ensuring-educational-stability-and-success-students-foster-care-november-15-2024-108448.pdf>

We stand ready to work with the legislature and DCF to strengthen educational support for children in foster care. Thank you.

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