

## Oral opponent testimony On SB 259, income tax lid By Leah Fliter Assistant Executive Director of Advocacy Kansas Association of School Boards

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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

KASB appears in opposition to SB 259 due to our member-adopted legislative policy.

Our 2025 State Resolution reads:

We oppose arbitrary limits on taxes and valuations because of the long-term impact on revenues for schools and other public services. We urge caution and due deliberation in the consideration of tax policy.

Our Permanent Policies, re-affirmed by our Delegate Assembly in November 2024, state:

## State Tax Policy

The state should strive to achieve from the major revenue sources, sales, income and property taxes, a balanced and equitable mix of revenues that are suitable to support public services, including funding for quality public education. Taxes should be broadly based to ensure all Kansans share fairly in the cost of public services.

Kansas lawmakers report that one of the biggest issues they heard when they were door-knocking in the 2024 election was a desire for property tax relief. As far as we've heard, there wasn't a similar outcry for tax cuts for corporations or the very wealthiest individuals.

KASB urges the committee to reject SB 259 and focus instead on a balanced mix of property, income, and sales tax cuts that benefit all Kansas taxpayers while protecting revenue for important services such as public schools.

KASB is a non-profit service organization built on an abiding belief in Kansas public schools. We have put the needs of students and K-12 leaders first since 1917.