



Proponent of SB 338
For the Senate Education Committee
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Chair Erickson and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony in support of Senate Bill 338 on behalf of Midwest Parent Educators (MPE).

MPE supports home educators in the greater Kansas City area and outlying regions, serving approximately 800 member families, with a subscriber list of over 4,000 families and 9,400 followers on our Facebook page. We have been in existence for 40 years.

Over the years, many families in Kansas have enjoyed the ability to home school their children. I myself was homeschooled by my mother. My wife and I appreciate the opportunity and freedom to also homeschool our children in this great state of Kansas.

Historically, homeschool families have experienced legal legitimacy of their home schools under the general umbrella of "nonaccredited private schools," currently defined in K.S.A. 72-4345. Problematically, other Kansas statutes include the term "home school," but there is no corresponding definition to that term in current Kansas statute.

MPE appreciates the committee's consideration to provide greater clarity to the term "home school" within K.S.A. 73-4345 accordingly.

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