



**Oral Opponent Testimony on
SB 338, home schools defined
Senate Education Committee**

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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

KASB appears today in opposition to SB 338.

It's difficult to discern legislative intent from the text; however, given that there are several pending bills that divert public tax dollars to private schools, we assume the intent of SB 338 is to make home schools eligible for public funding as well. Veteran members of the committee likely recall that KASB has frequently appeared in staunch opposition to vouchers and other schemes that funnel public revenue from public schools to private or home schools.

As always, our position is based on our member-approved legislative platform.

Our permanent policies read:

Vouchers

*Public money should support public schools. KASB opposes vouchers, including education savings accounts, trust funds, tuition tax credits, "opportunity scholarships", and other vehicles that use tax dollars to aid private elementary or secondary schools, **which are not subject to the same legal requirements as public schools (emphasis added)**. Schools that receive public funds must be required to meet the same academic standards and financial accountability requirements as public schools. Schools that receive public funds must not discriminate in their enrollment policies and practices.*

Our 2026 Annual Resolution reads:

Public Accountability for Public Funds

*To ensure **all** students have the opportunity to succeed, **all** schools and school programs and activities supported by public funds must serve **all** children on the same basis as public schools. We oppose programs including but not limited to vouchers, education savings accounts, trust funds, scholarships, and tuition tax credits because such programs divert public funding from public education to schools which are not required to serve **all** students, including those who are disadvantaged, disabled, or those with the greatest needs.*



Home schools in Kansas are currently only minimally regulated, especially in comparison to public schools or accredited private schools. Home schools are not subject to oversight by the State Board of Education or by any other body that oversees student achievement or academic standards, nor are they subject to state or federal anti-discrimination laws. As a result, KASB urges the committee to reject SB 338.

Thank you. I'll stand for questions at the appropriate time.

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