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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 the Home School Legal Defense Association. With over 90,000 member families, including about 2,000 families in Kansas, we are the world's largest homeschool advocacy organization.

HSLDA supports Senate Bill 338.

- Since homeschooling emerged in the 1970s, parents in Kansas have fulfilled compulsory attendance requirements by filing as **nonaccredited private schools** with the Department of Education.
- In recent years, the phrase “home school” was added twice to the Kansas statutes, but without any definition. The first is when “home school” students participate in extracurriculars at the public school (Kan. Stat. § 72-7121) and the second when “home school” students participate in the career technical workforce grant program (Kan. Stat. § 74-32,423). In both cases, the phrase “home school” has no settled meaning in statute.
- Senate Bill 338 preserves the status quo by providing necessary clarifying language that “home school” students mean students enrolled in their parents’ nonaccredited private schools, bringing the statutes into alignment and preventing future confusion. This clarification ensures educational definitions are made by the legislature, not by judicial interpretation or agency guidance.

HSLDA appreciates your support for this bill and its commonsense codification of the status quo. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at kansas@hsllda.org or 540-338-5600.