

Oral Testimony before the
Senate Education Committee

On
SB 338

Including a home school within the definition of private elementary and secondary school and
defining home school.

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Chair Erickson and members of the Senate Education committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present opposition testimony on SB 338. USA Kansas appears in opposition for the following reasons.

1. Kansas has long recognized homeschooling through existing statutory and regulatory frameworks without classifying home schools as private schools.
2. Kansas has a strong interest in ensuring that all students receive an adequate education and that vulnerable students (particularly those with special needs) are not left without protections.
3. SB 338 does not address accountability or student safeguards.
4. Proponents have not identified a need to change from the current definition.

For these reasons respectfully I urge the committee to reject SB 338.