



**Opponent Testimony on SB 338
concerning education, relating to nonaccredited private elementary and secondary
schools, including a homeschool within the definition of private elementary or
secondary school.**

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Chair Erickson, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to SB 338 on behalf of Game On for Kansas Schools, a grassroots public education advocacy organization. As Kansas parents and community members who support public education, we oppose SB 338.

Homeschools in Kansas are completely free from oversight. The only information the Kansas Department of Education has about a homeschool is the address. It does not have any information about the number of students being educated, anything about their attendance, their curriculum, their academic progress, or any other matter. Under those circumstances, they should be limited to being defined as homeschools and not private schools. If they wish to become private schools, they should have to submit to some state oversight.

Additionally, this bill raises the question of why there is an attempt to define homeschools as private schools. If this is in order to make it easier for homeschools, which do not have tuition, to use various voucher programs, we also oppose it on those grounds. We fundamentally oppose voucher programs as diverting needed funding from public schools while discriminating against vulnerable students and leading to lower academic outcomes.

We urge you to oppose SB 338.