



**Oral Proponent Testimony on  
SB 361, relating to enrollment of foreign exchange students  
Senate Committee on Education**

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Chair Erickson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our members' position in support of SB 361. Our member-adopted legislative priorities include support for amendments to the open enrollment statute to ensure that the "required timelines and procedures" are practical for districts to implement.

The bill clarifies that a foreign exchange student, living with a host family who already resides within a school district's boundaries, is not considered an "out of district" student subject to the open enrollment application and lottery. Rather, the student is permitted to enroll as a resident student of the district, through resident student enrollment procedures.

We believe this is a helpful, and common-sense, clarification of the statute.

We encourage the committee to vote in favor of SB 361.

Thank you.

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