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**Oral testimony as opponent**

**HB 2233 in House Education**

**Requiring school districts to provide teachers a stipend to purchase classroom supplies**

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear as an opponent to **HB 2233**.

KASB's member-adopted legislative policy supports local control of management decisions for expenditures, personnel, facilities and programs. HB 2233, in contrast, dictates local spending decisions and usurps local control. Furthermore, stipends and other compensation are covered by a school board's statutorily-directed negotiations with its employees and thus are outside the legislature's purview.

If the intent is to put more money into teachers' pockets, we suggest putting that money (roughly \$15 million by our calculation) into the base state aid provided to school districts. School boards could in turn use that funding to increase teacher pay. (Teachers may in fact prefer that option over a \$500 mandatory classroom expenditure directive from the legislature.) Conversely, if the intent is to beef up classroom supply lines, our suggested solution is the same: adding money to the base state aid will allow school boards to use that funding to supplement existing district and building-level supply budgets.

For these reasons, we oppose HB 2233 as written. I'm happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.