

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE K-12 EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kristey Williams at 3:30 pm on Monday, February 05, 2024, in room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jennifer Light, Legislative Research Department  
Melissa Renick, Legislative Research Department  
Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Spencer Haddock, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mike O'Neal, Kansas Policy Institute  
Mary-Lynn Poskin, Representative  
Blake Vargas, Superintendent, USD 495  
Leah Fliter, KASB  
Ann Mah, KS Board of Education  
Judith Deedy, Game On for Kansas Schools

Others in attendance:

No list available

**Hearing on: HB2612 — Requiring school districts to be in compliance with all state laws and rules and regulations to be accredited and requiring the state board of education to establish a process to challenge determinations of such compliance.**

Nick Myers, Revisor of Statutes, read the bill brief for **HB2612** ([Attachment 1](#))

The Chair opened the hearing on **HB2612**.

The following people gave testimony:

Proponents:

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Mike O'Neal, Kansas Policy Institute ([Attachment 2](#))

Proponents Written Only:

None

Opponents:

Mary-Lynn Poskin, Representative ([Attachment 3](#))

Blake Vargas-Superintendent, USD 436 ([Attachment 4](#))

Leah Fliter, KASB ([Attachment 5](#))

Ann Mah, Kansas State Board of Education ([Attachment 6](#))

Judith Deedy, Game On for Kansas Schools (Webex) ([Attachment 7](#))

Opponents Written Only:

Kirk Haskins-Representative

Jason Anderson-Citizen

Neisha Benson-Citizen

Sue Bolley-Citizen

Dawn Brumbley-Citizen

William Clark-Citizen

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Janell Conner-Citizen

Karen Craig-Citizen

Colleen Cunningham-Citizen

Donnavan Dillon-Citizen

Joan Gilson-Citizen

Ian Graves-Citizen

Karl Hanson-Citizen

Lynn Kinsman-Citizen

Jeanne Koontz-Citizen

Leslie Mark-Citizen

Kevin McCannon-Citizen

Sherrine McLaughlin-Citizen

Jae Moyer-Citizen

Curtis Nightingale-Citizen

Rebecka Noel-Citizen

Adrianne Nunez-Citizen

Kristen Satterwhite-Citizen

Susette Schwartz-Citizen

Matthew Sims-Citizen

Jonathan Smith-Citizen

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Alan Wasserman-Citizen

Braden Werner-Citizen

Erin Woods-Citizen

Allison Anderson Harder-Superintendent, USD 253

Karen Burrows-Superintendent, USD 507

Craig Correll-Superintendent, USD 445

Julie Crum-Superintendent, USD 215

Lance Custer-Superintendent, USD 219

Linn Exline-Superintendent, USD 305

Dan Frisby-Superintendent, USD 483

Craig Idacavage-Superintendent, USD 312

Greg Lehr-Superintendent, USD 262

Kylee McDonald-Superintendent, USD 401

Amy Ricks-Superintendent, USD 459

Brian Smith-Superintendent, USD 493

Anna Stubblefield-Superintendent, USD 500

Bryce Wachs-Superintendent, USD 498

Brett White-Superintendent, USD 385

John Wyrick-Superintendent, USD 506

Stacy Boone-Principal, USD360

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Jenny Nash-Principal, USD 266

Jane Oeser-Principal, USD 112

Luke Ritchie-Principal, USD 219

Diane Liebsch-

Lloyd Buckley-Educator

Tim Hayden-Educator

Loretta Logan-Educator

Katie McDonald-Educator

Eryn Moland-Educator

Marian Seacat-Educator

Danielle Vigness-Educator

Sylvia Trevino-Maack-School Psychologist

Nikole Houston-USD 245

Shana Steinlage-USD 115

Patty Carter-KASEA

Lindsey Graf-Coffey County SPED Co-Op

Taryn Jones-Equality Kansas

Cille King-League of Kansas Women Voters

Zachary Lawrence-Reno County Education

Melissa McConnell-NSPRA

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Marissa Moore-TFH Kids

Michael Poppa-Mainstream

Iridescent Riffel-Equality Kansas Douglas County

Mary Sinclair-Kansas PTA

Lori Wilson-ORION Education

Daniel Wray-ECKCE

Opponent Written Only Testimony ([Attachment 8](#))

Neutral:

None

Neutral Written Only:

Erin Gould-Citizen ([Attachment 9](#))

The Chair closed the hearing on **HB2612**.

**Request for bill introductions**

Representative Schmoie requested introduction of a bill on behalf of Graduation Alliance regarding establishing requirements for the determination of virtual school state aid for adult students, RS2682.

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Representative McDonald requested introduction of a bill on behalf of Honor Moon regarding requiring public schools and public post secondary education institutions to make menstrual products available at no cost to students and establishing a state grant program to reimburse schools and institutions for the cost, RS2805.

Without objection, the requests were accepted for introduction.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.