

Opponent Testimony of HB2238
For the Senate Education Committee
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Chair Baumgardner and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent written testimony on House Bill 2238.

I am a lifelong Kansas. I was educated in Kansas schools and played sports all the way through. I raised my daughter in Kansas, educated in Kansas schools. My daughter is currently planning to become an educator in the state of Kansas. I am opposed to this bill.

First and foremost, KSHAA has policies in place currently to deal with this situation. Second, there are only a very few instances in our state of this situation. Driving legislation is unnecessary and a waste of my taxpayer dollars paying you. Further, legislation at the ages you suggest are ridiculous as there can be no differences in physical skills in boys/girls until puberty.

I request you allow KSHAA to continue to handle in accordance with current governance and stay out of legislating culture issues so that you can go do the real work needed in Kansas including fully funding special education, funding medicaid, and solving water issues in western Kansas.

I remain opposed to this bill. Thank you for your consideration.