

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Amanda Grosserode at 3:30pm on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 281-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Jerry Henry – Excused

Committee staff present:

Cathy Foxworthy, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Brad Stefanoni, Director of Procurement and Contract Services, Greenbush Procurement

Mark Tallman, Associate Executive Director of Advocacy, KS Assoc. School Boards

Darren Muci, Division Director of Operations, USD259 Wichita

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: HB2729 — Requiring school districts to procure specific spend categories through the department of administration.

Chairman Grosserode opened the hearing on **HB 2729**.

Tamera Lawrence passed out a memorandum on **HB 2729** and gave the committee an overview. [\(Attachment 1\)](#)

The following Conferees spoke to the bill.

Neutral

Brad Stefanoni briefed the Committee on Greenbush. He stated that Greenbush is part of the AEPA (Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies). There are 26 states in the AEPA. All of Greenbush's programs are voluntary. There is no membership fee and districts pay only for services received. [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

Opponents

Mark Tallman testified they do not oppose the concept, but they want to know "what is the rush?". They feel like this needs more study, either formally or informally [\(Attachment 3\)](#).

Darren Muci stated they agree with the goal. He stated he feels like the Department of Administration

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needs to have an ad hoc committee. They could brainstorm and identify ways to assist in the procurement activities. [\(Attachment 4\)](#).

Opponents Written only

The following had presented written testimony to the bill.

USD229 Blue Valley [\(Attachment 5\)](#)

USD501 Topeka [\(Attachment 6\)](#)

KS Cooperative Council, KS Agribusiness Retailers Association [\(Attachment 7\)](#)

The hearing on **HB2729** was closed by Chairman Grosserode. Chairman Grosserode adjourned the meeting at 5:00PM.