

Testimony to Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Chair, Senator Ty Masterson
Tuesday, February 3, 2015 Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM 548-S
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Position – Oppose
School District Supplemental Aid (SB 71)

Chairman Masterson and Committee Members,

My name is Arlo Kinsey. I am a 7th grader at Hocker Grove Middle School in Shawnee Mission School District. I wanted to share why I am concerned with Senate Bill 71 that would create more budget cuts from public schools.

I would have been at Antioch Middle School that is 5 minute drive from my house and with 400 students. But it closed and now I am at Hocker that is a 25 minute drive and 770 students.

During the Winter Music Concert with the band, orchestra and choir, the gym was so crowded that some parents had to stand in the hall and were unable to see their child perform. So overcrowding schools does impact us.

Also I am involved in drama, play percussion and take honors classes and I would like to continue to do so.

Thank you for letting me talk to you about the impact of budget cuts on education. Please do not pass SB 71. But please support public schools and students.

Respectfully submitted,

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