

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Estes at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, February 05, 2025, in room 218-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Steve Huebert – Excused  
Representative Louis Ruiz – Excused

Substitute members:

Representative Kyle Hoffman, appointed substitute member to the committee  
Representative Brooklynne Mosley, appointed substitute member to the committee

Committee staff present:

Elaina Rudder, Legislative Research Department  
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Michelle Sims, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Nicole Fielder, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

AJ Kuhl, Ace Scholarships  
Moe Paw-Macias and Norbert Htoo, Private citizens  
Chuck Weber, Executive Director, Kansas Catholic Conference  
Kirsten Wondra, Associate Superintendent, Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas on behalf of  
Dr. Lorenzo Rizzi, Associate Superintendent, Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas  
Leonardo Estrada, Private citizen  
Trina Delgado, Superintendent, Catholic Diocese of Dodge City School Office  
Father Rick Kotrba, Pastor, St Cecelia's Catholic Church Hayville  
Dr. Delia Shropshire, President, Holy Savior Academy  
Naomi Vertilus, Private citizen  
Vincent Anch on behalf of Catholic Education Foundation, Northeast Kansas  
Dr. Jamie Finkeldie, Associate Superintendent, Catholic Diocese, Wichita  
James Franko, President, Kansas Policy  
Angela Swisher, Private citizen  
Mari-Lynn Poskin, Representative, State of Kansas, House of Representatives  
Rabi Moti Reiber, Executive Director, Kansas Interfaith Action  
Mary Sinclair, PhD, Kansas PTA Advocacy Team  
Judith Deedy on behalf of Game On for Kansas Schools  
Ann Mah, Private citizen  
Jim Karleskint, United School Administrators  
Shannon Kimball, Government Relations Specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards

Others in attendance:

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**Discussion & action on: HB2033 — Including programs and services provided by nonprofit organizations accredited by the international multisensory structured language education council as approved at-risk educational programs.**

Chairwoman Estes opened discussion and action on **HB2033**.

*Representative Brantley moved, seconded by Representative Schreiber, to adopt bill **HB2033**, Motion Carried.*

The following Representatives requested their nay vote be recorded: Representative Stogsdill, Representative Miller, Representative Mosley, Representative Winn, Representative Schreiber.

**Hearing on: HB2136 — Expanding student eligibility under the tax credit for low income students scholarship program, increasing the amount of the tax credit for contributions made pursuant to such program and providing for aggregate tax credit limit increases under certain conditions.**

Chairwoman Estes opened the hearing on **HB2136**.

Chairwoman Estes recognized Jason Long, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes who have an overview of **HB2136**. ([Attachment 1](#)).

Proponent In-person

AJ Kuhl ([Attachment 2](#)), Moe Paw-Macias and Norbert Htoo ([Attachment 3](#)), Chuck Weber ([Attachment 4](#)), Kirsten Wondra ([Attachment 5](#)), Leonardo Estrada ([Attachment 6](#)), Trina Delgado ([Attachment 7](#)), Father Rick Kotrba ([Attachment 8](#)), Dr. Delia Shropshire ([Attachment 9](#)), Naomi Vertilus ([Attachment 10](#)), Vincent Anch ([Attachment 11](#)), Dr. Jamie Finkeldie ([Attachment 12](#)), James Franko ([Attachment 13](#)), Angela Swisher ([Attachment 14](#)),

Proponent Written only:

A-L ([Attachment 15](#)), M-Z ([Attachment 16](#)).

Opponent In-person

Mari-Lynn Poskin ([Attachment 17](#)), Rabi Moti Reiber ([Attachment 18](#)), Mary Sinclair ([Attachment 19](#)), Judith Deedy ([Attachment 20](#)), Ann Mah ([Attachment 21](#)), Jim Karleskint ([Attachment 22](#)).

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Shannon Kimball ([Attachment 23](#)).

Opponent Written only:

A-J ([Attachment 24](#)), K-Z ([Attachment 25](#)).

Chairwoman Estes closed the hearing on **HB2136**.

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.