

Oral Proponent Testimony on HB 2102 House Education Committee

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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2102. Our member-adopted legislative priorities and permanent policies urge the legislature to ensure that funding and student count procedures allow districts to efficiently and effectively plan for district operations and student needs:

The formula should efficiently and effectively meet the planning and funding needs of all districts—those that are growing in enrollment as well as those that are stable or declining in enrollment. This is especially important given the uncertainties in forecasting enrollment that now exist because of the current non-resident enrollment procedures districts are required to follow.

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If non-resident students are enrolled, they should be counted for funding purposes as if they were residents of the district. These provisions should also apply to students who are not residents of Kansas.

Recognizing the unique circumstances that apply to families of members of our armed forces, we believe that HB 2102 balances the necessary considerations to provide stability for the military family's student while also allowing the school district to enroll the student, provide services, and include that student in the district's FTE for purposes of funding and other matters.

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