

Testimony to the House Committee on Education

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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

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Chair Estes & Members of the Committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill number HB 2136.

HB 2136 will expand the Tax Credit Scholarship voucher program which already exists in Kansas. It diverts public tax dollars to private schools that lack oversight and are allowed to deny admission to students for any number of reasons.

While this program was originally intended for low income families at poor performing schools, at 2025 levels, 250% FPL equates to a family of 4 making \$80,375 or a family of 5 making \$94,125. The median income in Kansas is \$69,747.

I remain opposed to voucher programs.

Please vote NO on HB 2136.

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