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**Proponent Testimony on House Bill 2320 (Written-Only Testimony)**  
Foster Care School Choice and Record Transfers  
House K-12 Education Committee  
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Chairman Goetz and Members of the Committee,

**Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 2320.**

Aligned supports HB 2320 because it strengthens school stability, transparency, and accountability for one of Kansas' most vulnerable student populations: children in the custody of the Secretary for Children and Families.

Foster youth experience frequent placement changes that can lead to sudden school disruptions. When students are moved across district boundaries, delays in enrollment and delays in record transfers can prevent them from receiving the services they need, including special education supports, behavioral interventions, and academic accommodations. For students already experiencing instability, these gaps can mean lost instructional time and missed support at the exact moment they need it most.

HB 2320 provides clear and practical protections. It requires student records to be transferred within two business days when DCF changes a child's placement, and it ensures schools cannot deny or delay enrollment due to missing records. The bill also allows foster youth to remain enrolled in and attend their school of origin when appropriate, and it requires coordination on transportation planning when staying in the school of origin is in the child's best interest.

This bill is a common-sense step toward ensuring systems work in favor of children who have the least control over their circumstances. HB 2320 reduces the risk of students falling through the cracks and helps ensure foster youth can access the services and stability they need to succeed.

For these reasons, **Aligned respectfully urges the Committee to support HB 2320.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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