

HB 2011 proponent testimony – written only
Decrease 20 mills ad valorem tax for schools
House Taxation Committee
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Chairperson Smith and Members of the Committee,

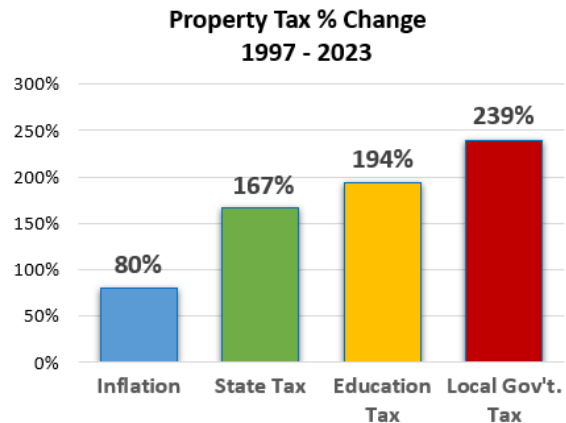
We are pleased to provide written testimony supporting HB 2011, which reduces the state-mandated school property tax from 20 mills to 18.5 mills for the 2025-26 school year and thereafter is revenue-neutral.

According to the July Comparison Report, 20 mills produced \$862 million for the 2023-24 school year. Had the rate been 18.5 mills, taxpayers would have saved about \$65 million but school funding would not have impacted because the difference would be provided with additional General Fund support.

While HB 2011 has no impact on school funding, it would offset – in a very small way – the unnecessarily large tax hikes imposed by local elected officials. Between 1997 and 2023, taxes for the operation of schools jumped by 194%, and taxes for the operation of other local government entities increased by 239%; inflation, meanwhile, was just 80%.

Kansans need substantial property tax relief, and HB 2011 is a small step in the right direction.

We encourage the Committee to approve HB 2011, and we appreciate your consideration.



Source: Kansas Dept. of Revenue, Bureau of Labor Statistics