



Opponent, Written Only Testimony on Senate Bill 47
Senate Education Committee,
February 10th, 2025
Dr. Brent Yeager, Superintendent, Olathe Public Schools

Chair Erickson and Members of the Committee:

We're providing testimony on SB 47 because many of the procedural proposals are requirements beyond the usual and customary procedures for all elected governing bodies in Kansas. Olathe Public Schools supports active and engaged Board leadership and participation in every aspect of our district. We conform to many of the provisions of the bill regarding Board activities and encourage all districts to do the same if are not already.

The bill's board procedure provisions allow any single board member to modify, change, expand, or remove agenda items is contrary to common procedure, and would be disruptive to business of any elected body, including the Legislature. The same provisions regarding public comment apply as well.

Finally, for a district of our size, given our number of students and schools, the bill requiring board members unlimited and even unknown access to any district property raising any number of issues, including legal and safety issues.

SB 47 appears to be instigated by the actions of one or two districts and a limited number of persons. Statewide policy is best set with our focus on the boarder issues that many districts may experience, not anecdotes.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Yeager", written in a cursive style.

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