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Senate Bill 137

Mister Chairman, members of the Committee; KNEA supports efforts to combat bullying in our schools and we rise in support of SB 137.

In a recent hearing on HB 2222, we heard parents speak of their inability to locate bullying policies and frustration with those policies once they were located.

Senate Bill 137 would make sure that parents as well as school personnel have a voice in setting such policies. KNEA supports collaboration and cooperation on issues of policy at every level. This bill facilitates that.

We further believe that these policies are so important and so central to our lives and experiences as teachers and parents, that they must be broadly disseminated. This bill ensures that no parent will ever again have to search high and low to find a district's bullying policy.

We would urge this committee to pass Senate Bill 137.

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