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Testimony before the
House Education Committee
on
HB 2199

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Chairman Highland, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on **HB 2199**. This bill requires parents to “opt in” to instruction on health and human sexuality and requires districts to have a policy on instruction of this subject prohibiting the display or distribution of its instructional materials to any student whose parent or guardian has not given consent.

KASB opposes this bill because we believe the policy on allowing parents either to opt in or opt out of curriculum should be made by locally elected school board members who are accountable to voters in their community. We believe it is the role of the state to set the goals or outcomes for public schools, and it is the role of local school boards to determine the best way to achieve those goals through local policies, programs and curriculum.

In Kansas, one size does not fit all. We hope you will trust the people of Kansas to elect local school boards to make decisions in the best interest of the students and communities they serve, and hold them accountable.

Thank you for your consideration.

