



Testimony before the
House Education Committee
on

HB 2262

by

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Chair Highland, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. We rise as opponents.

My testimony will be brief, but I want to first register my appreciation for the Committee hosting IT representatives from the four school districts and KSDE last week to share their data security practices. I'm not an IT specialist, but it was clear to me after hearing the presentations that districts and KSDE take their responsibility to protect the data they are entrusted with quite seriously. I am hopeful concerned members of the committee had their fears allayed as to any district shortcomings in commitment, expertise and resource allocation.

With that being said, our opposition to **HB 2262** is amplified. First, the sanctions in the bill are beyond harsh, they are unprecedented. No other local governing unit or state agency is subjected to such an onerous fine. But most importantly, the bill is not needed.

As noted last week, creating a secure network that operates using always-evolving best practices takes continuous vigilance and substantial resources. Could there be a failure? Yes, of course...Sony and Anthem came to mind as recent examples. But I hope the committee will agree with me districts have taken on the high standards of data protection set in **SB 367** with diligence and professionalism. To threaten them with astronomical fines is not good policy, it's a path to poor outcomes all the way around.

Thank you for your consideration.