



Testimony before the  
**House Committee on Education**  
on  
**HB 2378 - Kansas Legislature Award for Teaching Excellence program**

by

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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on **HB 2378**. KASB appears as a proponent of this bill, based on several positions in the policies adopted by our members.

First, KASB has a long-standing policy supporting the concept of rewarding outstanding teachers through additional compensation. However, our members have also approved a position that compensation at the local level should be negotiated. This bill provides a way to reward outstanding teachers at the state level.

Second, KASB is committed to the idea of promoting innovation and excellence in education within the public school system. This bill provides a way to recognize high quality teaching that can be modeled for other educators and schools.

Third, and perhaps most important, KASB is committed to improving educational outcomes for Kansas students, which, as the bill says, “is vitally important to the workforce development needs and future economic success of our state.”

Thank you for your consideration.