



Testimony before the
Senate Committee on Local Government
on
HB 2163

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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

The Kansas Association of School Boards strongly supports intergovernmental cooperation between local school boards and other local officials to promote efficiency, providing those decisions are made at the local level to reflect the best interests of the community. We support **HB 2163** for the following reasons:

There is an interlocal agreement statute for school districts in KSA 72-8230 which requires the approval of the Kansas State Board of Education and review by the Attorney General's office. The KASB legal staff reports there have been some concerns with the AG's office as to the form, content and process of these agreements in the past year.

This bill expands (clarifies) who else can use interlocal agreements and does not appear to require separate legal entities as addressed in KSA 12-2904a nor approved by the attorney generals' office. Also, these agreements would not have to be filed with the Register of Deeds and the Secretary of State as required under KSA 12-2905. These are all issues that have arisen with service center members under 12-2901 et seq. and KSA 72-8230.

We believe this bill can help clear up the process of interlocal cooperation and take away some of the potential barriers to doing so.

Thank you for your consideration.