



Testimony before the
House Committee for Education
on

HB 2540

by

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Chairman Aurand:

Thank you for this opportunity to address the committee.

Our organizations stand opposed to House bill 2540.

The member schools who belong to Kansas State High School Activity Association freely choose to belong to the association not only for the opportunities they provide, but for the manner in which the organization is ran. The rules and regulations set forth by the organization are designed to support and promote age appropriate activities which are focused on extending the learning opportunities for students of the member schools.

The structure of the KSHSAA Board of Directors is comprised of elected educational professionals, local school board and state school board members, and individuals appointed governor. The board members have the strongest incite on the organization, with the exception of the governors appointments, board members have a working knowledge of middle and high school athletics, plus they have the strong knowledge of the interworking's of the entire organization.

The policies and decisions made by the KSHSAA Board of Directors are not always popular, but schools move forward because they trust the process. I realize this not the first time the Kansas Legislature has stepped in and tired to legislate policy for KSHSAA, however, I believe for this legislative body to step into a private managed organization and dictate policy might be considered legislative overreach and unnecessary. KSHSAA is forced to make researched educational decisions that best serve the entire membership.