

Testimony before the  
House Education Committee

On

HB 2143

Establishing requirements for school district bullying policies and procedures for investigating complaints.

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Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on HB 2143. As we understand the legislation it would increase requirements for school district bullying policies and procedures for investigating complaints.

USA appears neutral to this bill primarily because at the present time there are policies and procedures in place for dealing with bullying.

It is the responsibility of the Kansas State Board of Education to develop and oversee policies and procedures regarding bullying. This has been done. The Board has developed these policies and school districts are working to meet these policies.

Bullying occurs in many forms throughout our society. Schools and school children are not isolated to bullying. Bullying is being done to the young and old. Bullying will always be an issue that must be dealt with. Currently the procedures and policies are established by the State Board, if there are changes to be made it should be made by this group. For this reason United School Administrators of Kansas does not favor altering the policies and procedures requested in this legislation and wish to remain neutral.