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Written only testimony

Dear Chair and members of the committee,

I am writing to share my opposition to SB128. I am the parent of three public school students, one of which is served under special education. I believe the Kansas legislature should be focusing on fully funding special education rather than using our tax dollars to refund families who send their kids to private schools. Private schools don't have to accept all children, often denying admission to children whose needs they can't accommodate. Public schools take all children, but it takes more resources to accommodate a variety of needs.

This bill would drain the state general fund by more than \$130 million for just those students who are currently enrolled in a private school. This puts not only the full funding of special education at risk, but any number of services provided by the state at risk.

We chose to move to Kansas solely for the public education system. We looked for a house in Kansas because it not only meant a quality education for our children but because of the strong public schools, it meant a quality neighborhood in which to raise our children.

I am asking that you oppose SB128. We must keep public money in public schools.

Thank you  
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