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Senate Committee on Education
on
SB 171- Relating to the Kansas Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Act

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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on **SB 171**. We rise as an opponent.

Our policies require we resist unfunded mandates, and this is a clear example of that as the administrative efforts of ascertaining all this information on the costs of extracurricular activities will be quite time consuming, which is exactly the type of burden school districts are least able to afford at this time. We also have to question the ultimate benefit of determining all of these costs. At what point does the knowledge of the number of KWH and their costs over the basketball season really help? Do we really want to know what were consumed at the boys' games? Girls? JV?

When thinking of tracking student time, the situation is different, but, again, is it really something we need to take the time and effort to ascertain? Building and districts already have a great deal of experience in scheduling classes, sponsoring activities and ensuring students achieve success in both ventures. The requirements of this bill just create more bookkeeping for basically what districts already know.

The requirements to post all of this fall both on the Kansas State Department of Education as well as districts. Simply put, this is an unfunded mandate that, if imposed on our state and its leaders, would be strongly opposed. We urge to not move this bill forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

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