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Oral, Proponent Testimony before the
House Committee on K-12 Education Budget
on
HB 2697 – Amending the transportation weighting calculation.
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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on **HB 2697**. The bill would increase the cost ratio in the school district transportation aid formula from 2.8 to 5, based on recommendations from the Legislative Post Audit study. This change would increase funding for students who live more than 2.5 miles from school. The additional transportation aid would be about \$4 million.

KASB supports this measure because if a state formula is understating actual costs of required programs, it means school districts are required to, in effect, subsidize these programs by transferring funds from education programs and activities.

Last session's school finance bill, SB 19, created a schedule of post audit studies to review various components of the system. One way to address concerns over school finance litigation is for the Legislature to make sure the formula is reflecting actual costs.

Thank you for your consideration.