

HB 2550  
OPPONENT testimony  
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Chair Williams and members of the committee:

I oppose this bill for many reasons, but primarily because it diverts taxpayer funds from our public schools to private schools. I oppose this diversion for a number of reasons: First being that private schools do not have the same accountability standards as public schools. Second, this is unfair to Kansas taxpayers because they should know how their tax dollars are being spent. And third, this bill would create a two-tier education system that may benefit some students, but will certainly hurt the majority of students.

I am a parent who decided to send my children to a private school for several years, for a variety of reasons. But I never believed that my decision to use an alternative school for my children's education should be funded by tax dollars and at the expense of other people's children. It was my decision alone, and so I bore the financial responsibility for it.

Instead of diverting tax dollars to support private schools for a few, you would serve the vast majority of Kansans better by fully funding our public schools.

Cordially, but adamantly,  
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