



Oral neutral testimony on

HB 2142, creating the get the lead out of school drinking water act

In

House Education Committee

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Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee,

KASB appears today as neutral on HB 2142.

Our 286 member school districts strive daily to provide healthy school buildings. Installing filters at each water fountain in a public school is certainly a good idea, especially in older buildings that may be at risk for lead contamination, but our concern is that the bill as currently written doesn't provide a dedicated funding source for the required filters and other remediation efforts. Unfortunately, an unfunded mandate will not accomplish our mutual goal of protecting student health and safety.

We understand federal funding may soon be available for this purpose. We commit to working with the bill sponsor and the legislature to protect Kansas students.

Thank you.

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