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on  
HB2197

by  
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Honorable Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for HB2197. I support HB2197 for several reasons. Most importantly, HB2197 involves more parent participation in the process of rule making for KSHSAA. By doing so we open up avenues of parental input, making KSHSAA much more transparent and accountable to parents and students who are, after all, the end users in the process.

With greater parental input we also gain more credibility in the KSHSAA rule making process making it less likely that parents will feel the need to come to the legislature for arbitration. Having been on the Education Committee, I know a lot of time has been taken up over the years with frustrated parents, putting legislators in the middle of partisan issues. HB2197 should ease that problem.

Finally, I support HB2197 because it changes no current KSHSAA sports rulings. All stay exactly as they are. The only change HB2197 makes is to henceforth include more parents.

Respectfully submitted,

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