

HB2197

Kansas House Federal and State Affairs Committee

Hello, I am Margaret Bonicelli. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB2197.

We all know more parental involvement is beneficial for schools. This bill falls in the Goldilocks zone....not too much and not too little, but just the right amount to the benefit of the Association. More diverse backgrounds and perspectives foster more openness to new ideas and healthy debates from more different perspectives is beneficial.

The Association has publicly communicated how important “grassroots” involvement is for schools. This bill fits right in with that philosophy. Parents serving on local league boards as formal appointees from their schools would now be better informed, and have access to a network of other parents on league boards statewide for sharing or promoting information and ideas generated from both parents and school officials.

My prior experiences with the KSHSAA have provided me with insight into the working of the Board. I have witnessed firsthand how these additional positions would enrich KSHSAA by providing real world information that would benefit our schools and our students, making things better for everyone. Knowledge is a good thing and these additional positions would bring just that, additional knowledge, to the Board.

Thank you for your time! I respectfully ask for your support of HB2197.

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