



House Committee on K-12 Education Budget
Support of House Bill 2143- A&M Efficiency Study Recommendation #5
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Mister Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2143 which originates from the Avalrez and Marsal Efficiency Study, proposing to adopt statewide purchasing or procurement of several products and services.

Over the past few legislative sessions we have encouraged legislators to consider adopting efficiencies in state government rather than increasing the cost of doing business in the state. Last year the legislature adopted several recommendations supported by our organization including performance-based budgeting, and application fees on Department of Commerce economic development programs such as PEAK and HPIP.

We would like to thank this committee for reviewing and considering HB 2143 which adopts Recommendation #5 under the Department of Education portion of the A&M final report. HB 2143 would authorize the Department of Administration to enter into agreements on behalf of the board of education for IT, food and fuel. The A&M report suggests a potential cost savings could reach \$43 million over a five year period.

We would respectfully ask this committee to support HB 2143 and bring further efficiencies to taxpayers of our state through collaborative purchasing agreements among our state's school districts. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of HB 2143 and I am happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.



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