

HB 2550
OPPONENT TESTIMONY
Written Only

Chair Williams and members of the K-12 Budget Committee,

My name is Amanda Winch and I'm a parent of 2 children in the Olathe Public School district. I'm writing in opposition to HB 2550 because it will divert funding from public schools to private schools. Public schools are important to society because they serve to provide an equitable education to ALL children regardless of factors such as socioeconomic status and religious affiliation. Private schools do not have the same accountability standards as public schools and may opt not to serve all children or may not serve them in the same way as required by law in public schools. As a parent of a child who is receiving IEP services in the public school system, I see how important it is we keep funding our public schools adequately so that ALL children can have access to needed services and a public education. Diverting funding would create disparity between public and private education and that would be morally and ethically wrong. All children have a right to a quality, public education.

Sincerely,

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