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HB 2612 - Requiring school districts to be in compliance with all state laws and rules and regulations to be accredited and requiring the state board of education to establish a process to challenge determinations of such compliance.

We oppose the passage of HB 2612

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Equality Kansas maintains that HB 2612 sets the stage to remove accreditation to any public school, not including private schools, once the Legislature introduces a bill to ban the teaching of true history such as teaching information with regard to Critical Race Theory (CRT) or LGBTQ+ laws, as an example.

What is particularly harmful about this bill is the negative and harmful effect it will have on students that have chosen a path towards university or any other levels of higher education. If the high school the affected student attends is not accredited when the affected student applies for admission into university, the affected student could be denied admission through no fault of their own.

This bill is also not fair to the Kansas Public Schools that are expected to be held at a higher level of compliance with state statutes when the Kansas Legislature itself hasn't met statutory requirements to fully fund special education.

Equality Kansas urges the committee to vote NO on HB 2612

Thank You,

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