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Bill Number: 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.

Disposition: Opponent; Written only Testimony

Date of Testimony: Monday, February 5, 2024

To: Chair Representative Williams and members of the House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

The League of Women Voters of Kansas opposes HB 2612 which would unfairly threaten public schools (not private schools) with a different standard of accreditation.

This legislation could harm our bright students who plan to attend higher education. If their high school isn't accredited when they apply to college, they could be denied admission by no fault of their own.

The Kansas Legislature should instead meet the statutory requirements and fully fund special education to provide Kansas schools with the resources they need to provide all students with a good education.

We ask that you vote NO on HB 2612.