

**Testimony on SB 271 - Written Only Proponent**  
**Senate Education Committee**  
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Chairperson Baumgardner and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of SB 271. The Kansas State Board of Education supports the removal of the “sunset” date of the high density at-risk weighting provision.

Each member serves communities where schools within the local districts have large numbers of students receiving free lunches. Removing the expiration date from the high density at-risk weighting provision will give those districts assurance that when they begin a program, hire individuals to implement programs, etc., the funds needed to serve those students will not disappear.

In addition, if the “sunset” isn’t removed and the high density weighting factor in the school formula is allowed to expire, the result would be a reduction of approximately \$50 million in funding for those with a high percentage of low-income students. We know those students often have greater academic challenges and thus, they struggle to meet the State Board’s goal of every student being successful.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill!