

House Budget Committee  
Written Testimony on HB 2511  
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Committee Members,

My name is Jennifer King Reid and I have the privilege to serve Eisenhower Middle School in Goddard as the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director.

I am writing today to ask you not support HB 2511 for the following reasons.

- Our athletic, academic, and music opportunities offered to students are an extension of the diligent work done each and every day in the classroom. We have high standards, often exceeding the minimum requirements of KSHSAA for grades and behavior in order for students to participate in extracurricular activities. This is a natural way to hold students accountable and help them pursue post-secondary success.
- The ability for schools to maintain a standard of eligibility would be near impossible as there are vastly different requirements and oversight to public and private schools as there are to homeschools. Many schools have policies in place allowing homeschool students to participate in some capacity, provided they are in some way connected to a brick and mortar building in their district.
- Passage of this bill would not result in fairness and equity for students already attending KSHSAA member schools. Decisions on allowing homeschool students should remain in the hands of local school boards.

I appreciate your leadership for the students and citizens of Kansas and hope you will listen to those of us concerned should this bill pass.