

Testimony on **HB 2085**
before the
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Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear in opposition of H.B. 2085.

H.B. 2085 gives the authority over whether to record a meeting to a board member who may use the request to record the meeting to discourage the discussion, particularly if the board member is supportive of the employee or student whose acts or behavior is being discussed in executive session.

I have attached a copy of the reasons and justifications used by board members when they make a motion to go into executive session.

Under current law, if a school board member does not believe the board is complying with the Open Meetings Act, the board member may vote “no” on the motion to go into executive session, refuse to go into executive session or declare a conflict and abstain from voting pursuant to K.S.A. 72-8205.

Thank you for your consideration.