

Testimony on **HB 2493**
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Chairman Burgess and Members of the Committee:

I thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to support the concept of training embodied in **HB 2493**. It should not come as a surprise to you that KASB believes school board members can benefit from training to effectively carry out their responsibilities and duties for their elected positions.

KASB has offered many times in both the House and Senate, the concept of mandatory training for school board members on a variety of subjects, whether it be on the Kansas Open Meetings or Record Acts (KOMA or KORA) or a multitude of other school board-related functions and duties. This has been done due to the realization that the operational process of school boards is becoming more challenging and complex. We worked diligently last year on a bill in the Senate (**SB 410**) in an attempt to get this issue addressed.

We stand ready to assist in offering this and other types of training to school board members to help ensure Kansas school district patrons and public at large are well served.

I would stand for questions.