

Testimony before the
Senate Committee on Education

on
SB 628 – Enrollment Protection for Lyon County

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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on **SB 628**, which would provide the three school districts in Lyon County budgets for next school year (2008-09) based on an adjusted enrollment of at least 98 percent of the enrollment in the current year. The bill has been proposed to protect these districts from anticipated enrollment decline due to the drastic layoffs at the Tyson plant.

KASB appears as a proponent of this bill based on a long-standing position supporting mechanisms to phase-out losses in state aid or budget authority, which is why we supported the declining enrollment feature of the current formula. **SB 628** is based on the fact that the current feature does not consider reductions in weighting factors.

We agree with the concept behind this bill, but suggest that it would also apply to other districts in similar circumstances. While there are good reasons to act on this particular bill now, we suggest the Legislature should further study whether the current declining enrollment feature should be modified for all districts.

Thank you for your consideration.