

SB 428 Proponent Testimony – in person
Senate Education Committee
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Madam Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 428. I am a school board member at USD 453 Leavenworth.

State law says school board members are supposed to conduct the building needs assessment meeting, but that is not how it is done at USD 253. About half of our students are below grade level in reading and math. We all need to work together to help students do better, and we need input from teachers, board members, and principals.

It is also very important to get accurate student achievement reports. Our district staff tells parents and board members that we have excellent outcomes but they don't show the actual numbers. We must know how many students are not proficient and we don't get that information in my district.

SB 428 is important legislation to help board members effectively represent the people who elect us and improve student achievement.

Thank you for your consideration.