

**Committees:** Ways and Means

**Testimony on:** HB1323 Education – Public Schools – Asian American History Teacher Professional Development and Resources

**Position:** Favorable

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Dear members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Miles Chen, and I am a 4th grader at Bannockburn Elementary School. I testified in person last week in support of a similar bill, HB0875. I am writing to urge your support for HB1323.

Last year, students like me had the chance to testify in person for this bill, but this year, we don't have that opportunity. That is disappointing because our voices deserve to be heard. Like I told you last week, right now, Asian Americans are never included in my Social Studies class, so I have to educate myself about AAPI history. I shouldn't have to teach myself or my classmates about AAPI history—schools should be doing this for us. Our state needs to ensure that classroom material reflects the students who are learning. Please support HB1323 so we can take real steps toward a more inclusive education for all students.

Sincerely,  
Miles Chen

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