

**HB 1288:** County Boards of Education - Appointed Members in Leadership Positions - Prohibition: Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Ways & Means Committee:

I am writing to respectfully **support HB 1288**, concerning *County Boards of Education – Appointed Members in Leadership Positions – Prohibition*.

County boards of education play a critical role in shaping local education policy, overseeing budgets, and ensuring accountability within public school systems. Leadership positions within these boards carry significant influence over agenda setting, committee assignments, and governance decisions. It is therefore important that these leadership roles reflect the direct voice of the voters.

**HB 1288 reinforces democratic accountability** by ensuring that leadership positions on county boards of education are held by members who have been elected by the public. **Elected board members are directly answerable to the communities they serve, providing an important link between local voters and the decisions that affect their schools.**

**This measure helps maintain transparency and public confidence in board governance** while preserving the role of appointed members as contributors to board discussions and decision-making without concentrating leadership authority in individuals who were not selected through the electoral process.

**Ensuring that leadership roles are held by elected representatives strengthens local accountability and helps maintain public trust in the governance of our school systems.**

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **support HB 1288**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals