

# SENATE COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL NO: HCS HB 2710

SPONSOR: Diehl

HEARING DATE: 3/24/2026

COMMITTEE: Education	
CHAIRMAN: Brattin	
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Caitlin Whaley  
Mike Lodewegen - MO Council of School Administrators

## WITNESSES FOR:

Mauri Scott - MO Charter Schools  
Scott Swain - Missouri Public Charter School Association  
Garret Webb - Aligned  
Lorissa Gray - Activate MO

## WITNESSES AGAINST:

Byron Clemons - American Federations of Teachers St. Louis  
John Bardgett - Kansas City Public Schools  
Michael Harris - Missouri State Teachers Association  
Steve Carroll - St. Louis Public Schools, Cooperating Schools of Greater Kansas City  
Dava-Leigh Brush - Missouri Equity Education Partnership  
Lisa Pannett - Armorvine  
Otto Fajen - Missouri NEA  
Arnie Deinhoff - State Public Advocate

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