



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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| WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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I am in favor of this Bill and intention of Funding Early Childhood Education Programs for children on "Federal Free & Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Program." I how ever have concerns of where the Appropriations in the amount of \$8,200,000 will be coming from to sustain the Program State-Wide for ALL State School Districts.



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| WITNESS NAME: BECKY LOHMANN | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-424-1514 |
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We support.



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| WITNESS NAME: BRANDT SHIELDS | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-638-7501 | |
| REPRESENTING: MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION | | TITLE: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: DAVA-LEIGH BRUSH | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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Offering preK free to FRL kiddos is a start. Let's amend this bill to offer it free to everyone!



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| WITNESS NAME: GARRETT WEBB | | PHONE NUMBER: 219-229-1104 |
| REPRESENTING: MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS | | TITLE: REGISTERED LOBBYIST |
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The Missouri Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, on behalf of more than 1,100 physicians, trainees, and pediatric-provider members throughout the state, strongly supports access to and funding for high quality early childhood education opportunities.



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| WITNESS NAME: KARA CORCHES | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-3511 | |
| REPRESENTING: MISSOURI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY | | TITLE: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: KARI MONSEES | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-751-3563 | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION | | TITLE: DEPUTY COMMISSIONER | |
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| WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL HARRIS | | PHONE NUMBER: 615-202-3579 | |
| REPRESENTING: MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION | | TITLE: GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS MANAGER | |
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| WITNESS NAME: MIKE LODEWEGEN | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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| WITNESS NAME: OTTO FAJEN | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-3202 | |
| REPRESENTING: MISSOURI NEA | | TITLE: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: ROBYN SCHELP | | PHONE NUMBER: 660-441-3260 | |
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Mister Chairman and members of the committee: My name is Robyn Schelp and I am the Director of Policy and Advocacy for Kids Win Missouri. We advocate on issues of child well-being including child care and early education, child welfare, health and mental health, and other issues which impact children. Kids Win Missouri supports HB 1486 and we appreciate the Governor and Rep. Shield's commitment to improve early care and education in this state, which includes this proposal to expand Pre-K funding for all 4-yr-olds who qualify for free and reduced lunch. A child's brain is most flexible and adaptable to learning in his early years, with 90% of the brain being developed by the time a child is 5-yrs-old. The cognitive, social, linguistic, and emotional skills learned by a young child are crucial for success in school, the workplace, and in life. Pre-kindergarten builds a foundation of skills that help children enter kindergarten ready to learn and thrive. In April 2023, Springfield released the Mayor's Commission for Children's Readiness for Kindergarten 2022 report which showed that only 46.2% of students who did not attend preschool or Pre-K were prepared for kindergarten, compared to the kindergarten readiness of 79.6% of students who did attend preschool or Pre-K. While Pre-K is important for all students, this study showed that it is especially important for low-income students. Among students who qualified for free or reduced lunch (185% FPL or less), only 40% of students who did not attend preschool or PreK were prepared for kindergarten. Kindergarten readiness improved to 70.2% when these students had access to Pre-K. Access to pre-kindergarten is an investment that yields not only successful students but also significant cost savings. The savings related to juvenile justice, welfare, and education would quickly exceed the cost of pre-kindergarten. Georgia estimated that for every \$1 spent on pre-kindergarten, there would be a return of \$5.12. Oklahoma predicted a minimum savings of \$3-\$4 for every dollar spent, suggesting that pre-kindergarten could have other benefits with resulting in an even higher return. We appreciate the work of the legislature to support child care and early education in our state. Expanding access to pre-kindergarten for children who qualify for free and reduced lunch is an investment that Missouri must make and ask that you vote in support of HB 1486. Robyn Schelp Director of Policy and Advocacy for Kids Win Missouri



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| WITNESS NAME: STACEY PREIS | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-864-2817 |
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Children only get one chance to learn the fundamentals correctly. 90% of brain development happens before a child turns 5. Kids who have access to high-quality care during those years have better educational and life outcomes. However, we know that a large achievement gap often exists between students in low-income or sparsely populated areas. Disparities in the quality of educational opportunities available to Missouri children are reflected in college-readiness and degree attainment statistics. Pre-K delivers a host of positive benefits for children, families, the budget, and the economy, including:

- Increased kindergarten readiness
- Lower rate of juvenile and violent arrests
- Higher rates of high school graduation and college enrollment
- Lower dropout rates
- Stronger and more skilled workforce

The foundation formula provides an equitable, steady and trusted stream of revenue to local school districts and charters. Allowing districts and charter schools to count all of its free- and reduced-lunch four-year old's will ensure an even distribution of pre-K funding across the state. Aligned's members agree that investment in high-quality early childhood education is the most important economic development tool we have. We encourage the Missouri General Assembly to support HB 1486.



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| WITNESS NAME: STEVEN R. CARROLL | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-761-5952 | |
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| WITNESS NAME: TAMMY HENDERSON | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| REPRESENTING: NORTH KANSAS CITY SCHOOLS | | TITLE: |
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| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: LIBERTY LINK MISSOURI | | TITLE: PRESIDENT |
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| WITNESS NAME: LISA PANNETT | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| REPRESENTING: ARMORVINE | | TITLE: |
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This bill is increasing cradle to grave entitlements. What was once between the ages of 3 to 5 which is 4 years of age is now being replaced to 3 and 4 years of age. The schools are now becoming daycare centers even if they are not housed at the school. The schools do not have to comply with the other standards that normal independent child care facilities and individuals must comply with. This is taking it a step further to include daycare centers not even housed within the walls of the school building. We should take the chains off of our local communities to once again be the freemarket solution it once was. We have created a fabricated crisis by legislating into reality.