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Testimony

IN OPPOSITION TO: HB 5556

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGIONLA UNIFORM SCHOOL CALENDAR

While the intentions of HB 5556 are laudable, it is difficult to measure what efficiencies and savings will be realized given the approaches districts have already taken to regionalize services where it makes sense. We currently regionalize transportation and food service with surrounding communities and have written provisions into contracts to ensure this mindset continues. City leaders are currently working on other ways to regionalize services. While the implementation of the regional calendar was seamless for Derby, it has not yielded in any additional efficiencies or savings at this time.

Until we know if any real savings can be achieved I do not support imposing any penalties for failure to comply.