

**2026 House Judiciary Committee
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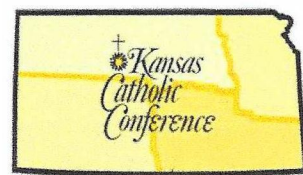
Bill #: HB 2352
 Date of Testimony: 1-26-26
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Date: January 23, 2026

To: Madame Chair Susan Humphries and members of the Kansas House
Judiciary Committee

From: Chuck Weber, Kansas Catholic Conference

**RE: WRITTEN PROPONENT TESTIMONY FOR HB2352 — Requiring a duly
ordained minister of religion to report certain abuse and neglect except
when reporting would violate the penitential communication privilege and
requiring training for persons obligated to report abuse and neglect.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of HB 2352, which includes
legislation mandating duly ordained clergy to report certain abuse and
neglect, except when reporting would violate the penitential communication
privilege.

This reporting requirement in HB2352 has already been, for many years, a
part of the child protection policies that apply to priests, deacons and other
religious associated with the Catholic Church in Kansas.

Additionally, Catholic clergy, teacher, volunteers, and many other Catholics in
Kansas receive comprehensive training and regular updated training in how to
recognize and report cases of abuse and neglect. The Church's child
protection policies have been highly successful in preventing and responding
to misconduct, and thus the Church supports the adoption of similar policies
that may help prevent misconduct in other organizations statewide.

Thank you for your attention to this important topic.

Chuck Weber
Executive Director, Kansas Catholic Conference