

Proponent Testimony
HB 2221 – transfer of the alcohol and drug abuse treatment fund
Senate Ways & Means Committee
Monday, March 13, 2025

Chairman Billinger and Members of the Committee,

I am honored to testify in support of HB 2221 which aims to create the Kansas department for aging and disability services alcohol and drug abuse treatment fund, transferring moneys and liabilities of the department of corrections alcohol and drug abuse treatment fund to the Kansas department for aging and disability services alcohol and drug abuse treatment fund, and abolishing the department of correction alcohol and drug abuse treatment fund.

Historically, KDADS has worked closely with KDOC on administering the 3rd time DUI program, that per state statute, requires individuals to work in a multidisciplinary model of services for substance use disorders facilitated by a Kansas department for aging and disability services designated care coordination agency to include assessment and, if appropriate, referral to a community based substance use disorder treatment including recovery management and mental health counseling as needed. The multidisciplinary team shall include the designated care coordination agency, the supervision officer, the Kansas department for aging and disability services designated treatment provider and the person. This program has been a success and continues to be a cornerstone for Kansans who need care for their substance use disorders.

During the legislative interim, KDADS and KDOC came to agreement that it is in the best interest of the program and the individuals in treatment that KDADS become the primary holder of this program and fund to better integrate services across the continuum of care.

As such, KDADS is pleased to offer support and proponent testimony in favor of this statutory change to continue bringing streamlined and efficient services to Kansans who need 3rd time DUI services.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Respectfully,

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