

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2520

As Amended by House Committee on Health
and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2520, as amended, would amend the Adult Care Home Licensure Act to allow a maximum of 16 individual residents, increased from 12, in Home Plus facilities.

The bill would require Home Plus facilities that provide care for more than 12 individuals after July 1, 2026, to develop and maintain written plans demonstrating the ability of the facility to meet residents' needs, respond to emergencies, and maintain resident health and safety at the increased capacity. The bill would require the plans to be available for review during survey or inspection to ensure the Home Plus has the capacity to safely serve additional residents without diminishing the quality of care.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of Representative Schreiber.

House Committee on Health and Human Services

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by four representatives of Sunflower Care Homes, who generally stated that the bill would allow small-business owners who operate Home Plus facilities to serve

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more residents and increase the long-term sustainability of their businesses.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of Angels Care Home Health, Sunflower Care Homes, and Reflection Living and 11 private citizens.

Neutral testimony was provided by a representative of LeadingAge Kansas, who stated that the bill could blur the lines between distinct adult care home licensure categories, raise concerns about safety of residents and adequate staffing, and result in other unintended consequences for providers and residents.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services.

Opponent testimony was provided by the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman and a representative of Larksfield Place Assisted Living. The conferees generally stated that the Home Plus licensure category was intended to create a smaller facility type with a more individualized level of care, and the bill does not maintain this intent or address the implications of increasing the number of residents in those facilities, such as increasing staffing.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to add a requirement that Home Plus facilities serving more than 12 individuals develop and maintain written plans to meet residents' needs, respond to emergencies, and maintain resident health and safety, and to make the plans available for review during survey or inspection.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services indicates that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations.

Adult care homes; Adult Care Home Licensure Act; home plus; long-term care