



HB 2537

**House Committee on Children and Families
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 2537. The Children's Alliance is the association of the private child welfare agencies in Kansas. Our members provide a host of services to children including family preservation, kinship care, foster care, adoption, residential services, independent living, and psychiatric residential treatment.

The Children's Alliance position on sharing information on children and families is always that it be limited as much as possible to protect the children and their families. That said, after reviewing the proposal for adding the Committee on Children and Families to the list of other legislative committees that can be provided information on children alleged or adjudicated to be a child in need of care, and subject to the provisions of unauthorized disclosures contained in the bill, the Children's Alliance takes a neutral position on this amendment.

Thanks for opportunity to submit comment on behalf of the Children's Alliance.

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