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Chairman Owens and members of the committee, I am Tanya Keys, Director of Children and Family Services with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS). Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2105.

HB 2105 interjects the prohibition on homelessness as a sole basis for removal at the dispositional phase. Children may be removed by the court prior to the court's determination the child is in need of care. If, the adjudication hearing results in the court finding that the child is in need of care solely due to homelessness, the court must return custody to the parent.

SRS supports HB 2105 because children should not be removed from their parent's custody at disposition solely due to homelessness.