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Support HB 2283

I am Cindy Luxem, President & CEO of the Kansas Health Care Association and Kansas Center for Assisted Living. Our membership is made up of nursing homes, assisted living, home plus, community care retirement communities, nursing facilities for mental health and other community based providers.

I support HB 2283. As care providers for our most vulnerable citizens, it is crucial that we ensure our caregivers undergo a background check. Unfortunately, the status quo is to give background checks upon employment. This means that nurse aides have already undergone rigorous training and paid training fees before he or she is told he or she is ineligible for employment in any caregiver capacity. We believe this is unfair to the trainee and prospective nurse aides should be told prior to paying any training fees and undergoing training if they will be ineligible for employment due to findings on a background check.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cindy Luxem
President & CEO, Kansas Health Care Association