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Subject: H.B. 2025; Creating the Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight

Chairwoman Pilcher Cook and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to be here today to discuss H.B. 2025, legislation which creates the Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight.

During the November 8, 2012 Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services Oversight Committee, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services provided testimony in support of transparency and oversight of the KanCare program. We are supportive of the current legislative committee structure as it affords the opportunity to provide data, share information, and answer questions in an expeditious manner.

This legislation would give the Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services the responsibility of overseeing KanCare. The Joint Committee would be required to monitor and study the implementation and operations of many programs that fall under the jurisdiction of the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services. Those KDADS programs include: the home and community based service programs, the program for all-inclusive care of the elderly (PACE), the state Medicaid programs, as well as KanCare.

The Joint Committee would monitor access to and quality of services provided and any financial information and budgetary issues. The bill would require state agencies to provide data and information on KanCare programs including pay for performance measures, quality measures, and enrollment and disenrollment in specific plans to the Joint Committee, as requested.

This legislation will have no fiscal effect on the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services.

We look forward to working with the Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare oversight to ensure accountability for the KanCare program.