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The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) appreciates this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 180. This bill will increase the privilege fee for health maintenance organizations in Kansas from 1.0% to 5.5%. These funds will then be placed in the medical assistance fee fund and used to pay costs associated with Medicaid medical assistance payments. The fund is limited to only paying medical assistance payments. The fee is to be collected against plan premiums for plan years 2015 and forward. All associated benefits from the increase of the fee and the creation and utilization of the fund are captured in the Governor's Budget Recommendations for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

I will be happy to stand for any questions.