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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 114 Birth Certificate Amendments

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Thank you for the opportunity to appear on behalf of the Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators (KADCCA) regarding Senate Bill 114.

SB 114 would amend K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 23-2223 to provide that amendments to birth certificates include an assessment of \$22 per certified order for the Judicial Branch surcharge. The surcharge is used to fund the costs of nonjudicial personnel. Currently, the district court clerk's office performs this task with no fee assessed. Our proposal is an attempt to aid in the funding of nonjudicial personnel.

Please note that in SB 51, which initially sought to extend the sunset imposed on the various surcharge fees, this Committee made an amendment which removed the sunset date entirely. As a result, we propose a balloon amendment to this bill that would similarly remove language that imposes a sunset on the surcharge for birth certificate amendments.