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TO: Rep. Dan Hawkins, Chair and

Members, House Committee on Health and Human Services

FR: Tim Wood, Executive Director, InterHab

RE: KanCare Recommendations

Chairman Hawkins and members of the Committee—

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2047. I am Executive Director for InterHab, which represents community-based service providers and community developmental disability organizations (CDDOs) across the State, and has been collaboratively engaged with the State for every program reform and program redesign for more than 40 years.

InterHab supports the move of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) from KDHE to the Attorney General's office. As an organization, we are concerned that the State has left the OIG position open for a number of years, leaving Kansans without a designated entity to oversee and operate a Medicaid Program Integrity Unit (PIU).

The move also makes administrative sense. In 2008, CMS distributed a document titled *'Best Practices for Medicaid Program Integrity Units' Interactions with Medicaid Fraud Control Units'*. Therein, CMS notes that having a strong collaborative relationship between a state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) and PIU results in the most effective fraud referrals. Currently, the Kansas MFCU is currently housed within the Office of the Attorney General. Moving the OIG should facilitate better coordination between these two units, allowing for better identification of new fraud trends, increase accountability, and generally improves the productivity of the two agencies or units.

InterHab supports HB 2047 and encourages the state to fill the OIG position as expeditiously as possible, once the move from KDHE to the AG's office is complete.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2047. I will stand for any questions that the committee may have.