



Written Testimony on HB2192

Submitted To

The House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee

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On behalf of Secretary Zmuda, I appreciate the opportunity to offer this written testimony from the Kansas Department of Corrections on the proposed changes in House Bill 2192. We support the bill as proposed.

HB2192 proposes to expand the current list of forms of identification a person may use as proof of their identity for the purpose of obtaining a replacement driver's license. Adding to that list, an identification certificate issued by a court services or community corrections agency, for persons under probation supervision of those agencies provides another option. Often persons on probation have never had other forms of identification on the list, or they are no longer able to locate or access them. For probationers adding this option removes one potential barrier to obtaining a replacement drivers license.

If they can successfully replace a driver's license, or obtain a state identification card, that can be the first step to also replacing documents such as birth certificates and social security cards from agencies that often require a State issued photo ID. Documents that are either required, or contain information required, to obtain employment, pay taxes, open a bank account and other activities essential to living in our society.

We appreciate that the Committee, and the Legislature as a whole, are discussing the public policies of Kansas as they relate to the criminal justice system. We will strive to be a resource to you as you continue your policy work.

Thank you