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Testimony in support of SB 185
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Thank you, Chairman Huebert and committee members, for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 185. I am Martha Gabehart Executive of the Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns (KCDC). The Commission is advocates for changes to laws, program and services that help all people with disabilities participate, use the services and be more active citizens in their communities.

KCDC supports SB 185 which clarifies the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing responsibilities for regulation and certification of interpreters, promulgation of rules and regulations and the provision information about other communication access services that are available when an interpreter is not be available for in person interpreting or when alternative communication would be necessary such as for a person who is deaf-blind. State government has a responsibility to provide effective communication for all people with disabilities. These updates to the KCDHH statutes will provide us with reliable interpreters and sources of communication for people who need other forms of communication.

KCDC supports SB 185.