

TESTIMONY
House Health and Human Services Committee
SB 216

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Thank you Chairman Morrison and Members of the House Committee for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to provide testimony on SB 216.

The Kansas Association of Counties supports the passage of SB 216. At the 2004 KAC Annual Meeting support of this bill was voted on by the entire membership and affirmed unanimously.

As you know, the Kansas quarantine and isolation statutes have not been updated in a very long time. Recent events have made that evident to those in the public health field.

The Kansas Association of Counties worked with KDHE to craft this bill. KDHE did its due diligence in checking with county officials including sheriffs to seek input regarding the legislation.

This bill is a modernization of the quarantine and isolation laws, and it is also a way to protect the due process rights of the citizens of Kansas in case of an event requiring isolation and/or quarantine.

The Kansas Association of Counties respectfully requests passage of SB 216.

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