



Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns

Testimony to Health and Human Services Committee
SB 528; An act concerning public health, relating to the reporting of
statistical data regarding termination of pregnancies.
March 20, 2006

Chairperson Morrison and members of the committee, I am Kerrie Bacon, Legislative Liaison for the Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns (KCDC). We are charged with providing information to the Governor, the Legislature, and to State agencies about issues of concern to Kansans with disabilities (K.S.A. 74-6706).

The Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns opposes SB 528 because it is requiring the reporting of medical data on just women with disabilities. This is an invasion of medical privacy and discriminating against women with disabilities. If you proceed with the bill, we recommend you strike the language on page 1, lines 36 through 39 and page 3, line 19, "and any disability of the mother."

The commission encourages you to either oppose the bill or make the recommend amendments before sending it to the full House.

Thank you for your time.