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Written only testimony in support of HB2784

Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2784 regarding Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC's) as it was passed out of the Health and Human Services Committee and the House floor with a vote of 118 – 1.

House Bill 2784 was brought to our attention because of a facility in Kansas claiming to be a CCRC. When we looked at the services they provided, the facility was not a CCRC. They also claimed they were a CCRC on their state forms but did not claim to be one on their federal forms. After discussing this with the Kansas Insurance Department it was discovered that the department does not really deal with quality care assessments. It makes sense for KDADS to be responsible for the registration and renewal authority.

This bill moves the CCRCs to KDADS and it also puts in some enforcement for the agency to deal with any bad actors. It is possible that there has been a loss of bed tax funds because of an entity not actually being a CCRC. The Inspector General is looking into this issue for us. The house bill as originally introduced addressed the bed tax, and this portion of the bill has been removed because that was not intended to, nor should it be addressed in this bill. The Health and Human Services committee also addressed several concerns by opponents of the bill as introduced.

Making this move will allow KDADS the ability to monitor these facilities better and be able to address concerns as they arise and provide for enforcement of the law.

I wish I could be here today to answer your questions but unfortunately, I am needed on another committee at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB2784.
Respectfully submitted,

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