

## **Creation of a Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Prevention and Education State Plan; SR 1826**

**SR 1826** encourages the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to create a Kansas plan for comprehensive treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The plan is to coordinate the implementation of multiple strategies which include the creation of public awareness and increased patient education and knowledge of the causes of COPD, the importance of early diagnosis, effective prevention, and disease management, including nonpharmacologic therapies, the strategies also are to include recommendations for improvement in outcomes through increases in COPD funding and resources, and effective advocacy. KDHE is to perform an annual COPD needs assessment and hold an annual COPD summit in partnership with the state COPD coalition.