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Mr. Chairman and Honorable Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today on behalf of Secretary Lana Gordon and the Kansas Department of Labor to testify in support of Senate Bill 23.

The Department of Labor has worked with the Attorney General on these proposed amendments, in particular, sections 7, 8 and 9 of the bill that affect the Department of Labor, and we stand with General Schmidt in supporting these amendments.

The proposed amendments merely “clean up” existing law as it relates to prosecution of cases investigated by the Department of Labor in the areas of workers compensation fraud and unemployment fraud, and the bill will bring the law into conformity with the current practices of the Department of Labor and the Attorney General’s office.

The Department of Labor anticipates no additional costs to the agency if the amendments are enacted, and the department respectfully recommends passage of Senate Bill 23 as presented.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the Department of Labor if you have any questions regarding this testimony or SB 23.

Respectfully submitted,



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