

House Committee on Children and Seniors

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HB 2360—written only

Madam Chairman and Committee Members. I am Cindy Luxem, President/CEO of the Kansas Health Care Association and Kansas Center for Assisted Living. We are a trade Association representing for-profit and not-for-profit nursing home, assisted living, residential health care, home plus, and nursing facilities for mental health communities across the state. We are the oldest nursing home trade association in Kansas and have over 265 member communities. Our members care for nearly 20,000 elders across the state each and every day.

We understand the importance of this legislation to a certain group of providers. We respectfully submit the following amendment to HB 2360. If this amendment is added...we can offer our support.

Proposed Amendment to House Bill 2360; Paragraph (a)(3)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas: Section 1.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Care" means the provision of treatment, education, training, instruction, supervision or recreation to children, the elderly or individuals with disabilities.

(2) "Provider" means a person who:

(A) Is employed by a qualified entity and has, seeks to have, or may have unsupervised access to children, the elderly or individuals with disabilities to whom the qualified entity provides care;

(B) is a volunteer of a qualified entity and has, seeks to have, or may have unsupervised access to children, the elderly or individuals with disabilities to whom the qualified entity provides care; or

(C) owns, operates or seeks to own or operate a qualified entity.

(3) "Qualified entity" means a business or organization that provides care to children, the elderly or individuals with disabilities that is private, for profit, not-for-profit or voluntary, except organizations required to be licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 65-516, *K.S.A. 39-970*, *K.S.A. 39-2009*, *K.S.A. 65-5117* and amendments thereto.

Thank you for your consideration.

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