



LAURA KELLY, Governor • KATHY KECK, Chairperson • STEVE GIEBER, Executive Director

*"To ensure the opportunity to make choices regarding participation in society  
and quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities"*

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Re: Proponent House Bill No. 2360

Chair Representative Concannon, and members of the Committee on Children and Seniors.

I am Steve Gieber, Executive Director of the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities (KCDD). The Council is made up of self-advocates, family members, state agencies, and our partners identified in the Federal Developmental Disabilities Act.

The Council supports HB 2360 AN ACT concerning criminal history record checks... People with developmental disabilities are seven times more likely to be victims of abuse neglect and exploitation than the general public. There is no national registry for perpetrators of abuse neglect and exploitation of people with developmental disabilities. So a perpetrator can be found guilty in one state and be placed on a state registry then simply move to another state and have a clean background check in the new state. This bill will help stop perpetrators from simply moving to our state and continuing their criminal behavior.

I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.

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