



February 1, 2024

House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee  
Testimony in Support of House Bill 2601

Chair Owens and Members of the Committee,

I am Stuart Little, appearing on behalf the Kansas Behavioral Health Association (BHAK) in support of House Bill 2601. BHAK is the state's trade organization dedicated to substance use disorder treatment, mental health, and prevention providers of behavioral health care services.

Our membership appreciates the introduction of this bill and this hearing. This bill corrects an oversight or omission from the latest revision to the driving under the influence statute. Our members are part of the network of providers around the state who provide drug and alcohol and treatment around Kansas for offenders and non-offenders alike. We are focused on drug and alcohol treatment and prevention, and the omission of these provision impacts services and a swift correction is helpful.

After criminal sanctions, the supervision and services available for offenders are critical to both treatment and recovery. A critical component are page 2 lines 32-41 including the assessment, multidisciplinary model, and care coordination. We support HB 2601 to restore this needed requirement.

I'm happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.

Sincerely,

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Behavioral Health Association of Kansas

City on a Hill – Garden City  
CKF Addiction Treatment - Salina  
Corner House - Emporia  
DCCCCA - Lawrence  
Higher Ground - Wichita  
New Chance – Dodge City  
New Dawn - Topeka

Burrell/Brightli - Olathe  
Sims-Kemper - Topeka  
Miracles - Wichita  
Substance Abuse Center of Kansas – Sedgwick County  
Heartland Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Center –  
-Johnson County  
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