

Testimony re: HB 2471
House Committee on Aging and Long Term Care
January 24, 2012

As the Chairman of the Board of Adult Care Home Administrators, I appreciate the opportunity to share information discussed during a Board teleconference yesterday regarding HB 2471. The Board of Adult Care Home Administrators benefits from a diverse board membership across various industries and specialties. We are also fortunate to receive input and support from numerous groups representing constituencies affected by Board regulations. At this time the Board has taken no position on HB 2471, but I present the following issues for the Committee's consideration:

- 1) HB 2471, if enacted, would require the Governor to select the three Board members who are licensed adult care home administrators from lists of one to three candidates generated by three specifically-named trade associations. This is a change from current law, which only requires such appointees to be currently engaged in administering adult care homes, and to have been so engaged for the three years prior to appointment. For the Committee's consideration, we note that the Board solicits qualified nominees from numerous associations, including the three trade associations named in the bill.

- 2) HB 2471 would require the three Board members who are licensed adult care home administrators to be appointed from each of three industries: not-for-profit, for-profit, and a professional organization for the adult care home industry in Kansas. For the Committee's consideration, we note that it is common for administrators to change employment from a not-for-profit to a for-profit company and vice versa, whether by choice or due to their employer's change in business structure. The current language of HB 2471 could result in a Board member becoming ineligible to serve on the Board due to a change in employment.

- 3) HB 2471, if enacted, would require the three Board members who are licensed adult care home administrators to maintain current memberships with the Kansas Adult Care Executives Association. To the best of my knowledge, no other board requires membership in a professional organization as a condition of continued service on the board. It is also unclear whether such a provision would be enforceable on constitutional grounds if an administrator Board member chose not to renew membership in KACE.

I ask the Committee to consider the above issues in regards to HB 2471.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Board of Adult Care Home Administrators