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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Appropriations
From: Nobuko Folmsbee, Senior Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 22, 2013
Subject: 2013 House Concurrent Resolution 5013

HCR 5013 indicates the legislature's intention not to expand medicaid services in Kansas.

The resolution notes that the federal government authorized the expansion of medicaid services under the patient protection and affordable care act but, Kansas is committed to Kansas solutions to Kansas problems. Kansas should provide assistance to the most vulnerable through safety net clinics, support for physicians and hospitals and other assistance. The resolution states that children whose household income is below 232% of the federal poverty level are covered under medicaid and CHIP and pregnant mothers whose household income is below 150% are covered under medicaid. The resolution states that expansion of medicaid would harm the state's economy and dramatically increase the number of Kansans receiving public assistance.

The resolution concludes that the will of the Kansas legislature is that Kansas not expand medicaid above its current eligibility levels.