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To: Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

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Subject: S.B. 107 ERO Trailer Bill

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to be here to discuss S.B. 107.

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services was established on July 1, 2012 through an Executive Reorganization Order (ERO) issued by Governor Sam Brownback. The agency was formerly known as the Kansas Department on Aging (KDOA).

KDADS continues to assist older adults through a wide range of programs and services. In addition, as outlined by the Executive Reorganization Order, all of the behavioral health and disability services programs formerly housed in the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services are now administered by KDADS, as is oversight of the five State Hospitals. Some licensure and credentialing programs previously part of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment were also incorporated into KDADS.

The goal of the reorganization was to streamline state services and provide a structure that allows the affected agencies to operate more efficiently and effectively.

S.B 107 reflects the changes which have already taken place since July 1, 2012. It is needed to define the new roles and responsibilities of the agencies affected by the ERO. Those agencies are the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), the Department for Children and Families, and the Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

This bill has been a collaborative effort among the Revisor of Statutes Office and all of the aforementioned Agencies. It should be noted that the bill is budget neutral.