

**Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services  
Gary Daniels, Acting Secretary**

Senate Utilities Committee  
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**H. B. 2084- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs**

Senator Emler and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments on HB 2084. This legislation proposes the use of prepaid energy cards or similar programs for consumers at high risk of having uncollectible bills. The Department was concerned about the impact of these changes on low-income Kansans as the original bill removed the protection of the Cold Weather Rule. The bill, as amended by the House reinstated this protection. As such, the Department has no further comments or concerns regarding the bill.