



KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COURT SERVICES OFFICERS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Senator Kellie Warren, Chair

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL No. 2490

Ms. Chairwoman and Honorable Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill No. 2490. I am the Chief Court Services Officer of the 10th Judicial District in Johnson County. I provide today's testimony as the Legislative Chair of the Kansas Association of Court Services Officers (KACSO), which currently represents over 400 Court Services Officers across Kansas.

KACSO is supportive of the proposed legislation contained within House Bill 2490. During the 2023 Legislative Session, KACSO supported HB 2021 which created the ability for courts to use juvenile case length limit extensions. When the court finds it appropriate, the extension of a case length limit allows for the continued work towards a successful release from probation. The clarification and guidance provided by HB 2490 still allows for case length limit extensions when appropriate but helps ensure that juvenile cases do not unintentionally remain in the juvenile justice system longer than necessary.

Please consider this bill favorably.

Kevin Waring
KACSO Legislative Chair

The mission of the Kansas Association of Court Services Officers is to challenge, educate, support and advocate for the membership by promoting fellowship and professionalism, providing relevant training opportunities and maintaining communication with all members. The organization will further this mission by encouraging collaboration with our Court Services Officers and professional organizations and by recognizing member excellence.

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