



March 20, 2024

Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Testimony in Support of House Bill 2601

Chair Warren and Members of the Committee,

I am Stuart Little, appearing on behalf the Kansas Behavioral Health Association (BHAK) in support of House Bill 2601. BHAK is the state's trade organization dedicated to substance use disorder treatment, mental health, and prevention providers of behavioral health care services.

Our membership appreciates the introduction of this bill and this hearing. This bill corrects an oversight or omission from the latest revision to the driving under the influence statute. Our members are part of the network of providers around the state who provide drug and alcohol and treatment around Kansas for offenders and non-offenders alike. We are focused on drug and alcohol treatment and prevention, and the omission of these provision impacts services, and a swift correction is helpful.

After criminal sanctions, the supervision and services available for offenders are critical to both treatment and recovery. A critical component are page 2 lines 32-41 including the assessment, multidisciplinary model, and care coordination. Our members support restoration of the required treatment. We support HB 2601 to restore this needed requirement.

I'm happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.

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CKF Addiction Treatment - Salina
Corner House - Emporia
DCCCCA - Lawrence
Higher Ground - Wichita
New Chance – Dodge City
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Miracles - Wichita
Substance Abuse Center of Kansas – Sedgwick County
Heartland Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Center –
-Johnson County
Seventh Direction - Wichita