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Testimony in Support of House Bill 2765
House Health and Human Services Committee
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Chairman Carpenter and Members of the House Health & Human Services Committee:

DCCCA has served Kansans for more than fifty years, coordinating behavioral health prevention and treatment services; family preservation services; recruitment, training and support of foster homes; and traffic safety education and resources.

DCCCA provides a variety of training and technical assistance to community partners and school districts on substance misuse prevention. In the past 18 months, we have received more requests for information and resources on Kratom and 7-OH. Because these substances are listed as supplements, they are not regulated and consumers truly do not know what they are ingesting.

While Kratom usage has negative consequences, the addiction potential of 7-OH is higher and can lead to severe health consequences. 7-OH is significantly more potent than morphine and produces intense, opioid-like effects. 7-OH is found in products like gummies, drinks, flavored chews, or pills. Because 7-OH acts on opioid receptors, it can cause respiratory distress. Naloxone can be used to reverse an opioid overdose, however, if 7-OH is mixed with other substances, naloxone may not fully reverse the effects of the overdose. These products are unregulated and often sold in gas stations and smoke shops.

In August 2025, the FDA announced that it would be taking steps to schedule and regulate 7-OH across the United States. As of today, there are no updates on this action, making this bill a critical preventative step in reducing addiction and other negative health consequences associated with 7-OH.

DCCCA is committed to improving the lives of Kansans and strongly supports the tenets of this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

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