



Date of Testimony: Thursday, February 5, 2026

Bill Number: **HB 2491** Requiring state agencies to make quarterly reports to the secretary of state with the names and addresses of noncitizens receiving public benefits.

Disposition: Opposition, Written only Testimony

From: Cille King, Advocacy Chair; League of Women Voters Kansas

To: Chair Representative Proctor and Members of the House Committee on Elections.

The League of Women Voters of Kansas opposes HB 2491, requiring quarterly reports from Kansas agencies to the secretary of state with the names and addresses of noncitizens receiving public benefits.

Without a statement as to the reason for this bill, as these reports would go to the SOS, it appears to be for voter roll checks for noncitizens. This bill seems duplicative. There are already reports from the Department of Motor Vehicles for those documented noncitizens who get drivers licenses, and checks with the national database, SAVE.

Kansas has strict benefit rules for undocumented noncitizens, making them ineligible for almost any aid, except for emergency medical aid to kept them from dying.

It would seem that this reporting requirement would give little or no new information and be a waste of tax-payer money for a practically nonexistent problem. Reports of noncitizens voting were at .0002 percent, and many reports were found to be false.

These reports would also be a possible means of accidentally releasing personal information on legal but vulnerable residents.

We ask you to **vote NO** on HB 2491 as it is unnecessary and a possible liability.

Below are quotes from a webpage on benefits for Kansas non-citizens:

<https://www.visaverge.com/knowledge/kansas-state-benefits-and-restrictions-for-non-citizens-in-2025/>

“Kansas State Benefits and Restrictions for Non-Citizens in 2025”

Kansas enforces strict benefit restrictions for non-citizens, offering emergency medical care only to undocumented immigrants. Driver’s licenses require lawful presence and Real ID starts in May 2025. Medicaid and SNAP benefits follow federal guidelines, limiting eligibility mainly to qualified non-citizens.

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Key Takeaways

- Kansas limits public benefits to U.S. citizens and qualified non-citizens only.
- Undocumented immigrants in Kansas receive emergency medical care but no regular healthcare or driver’s licenses.
- Real ID with proof of lawful presence is required for federal flights starting May 7, 2025.

Kansas: State-[Level Benefits and Restrictions for Non-Citizens](#) in Healthcare, Driver’s Licenses, and Public Services”

“As reported by VisaVerge.com, Kansas’s policies for non-citizens remain among the strictest in the country, especially when it comes to healthcare and driver’s licenses. While some states have made it easier for undocumented immigrants to get benefits, Kansas continues to require proof of lawful presence for most services.

Key Takeaways

- **Kansas limits most public benefits to U.S. citizens and qualified non-citizens.**
- **Undocumented immigrants can only get emergency medical care, not regular healthcare or driver’s licenses.**
- **Proof of lawful presence is required for a driver’s license and Real ID.**
- **SNAP is available to some non-citizens, but not to undocumented immigrants.**
- **Kansas’s rules are stricter than those in some other states. “**