

Testimony in support of HB 2307

Prenatal and Postnatal Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Program

House Health and Human Services Committee

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Chairman Carpenter and Members of the committee,

I am Jeanne Gawdun, Director of Government Relations with Kansans for Life. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2307, the Prenatal and Postnatal Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Program.

The program was first established in statute in 2013 to offer information and support to families receiving a diagnosis of Down syndrome or other prenatally or postnatally diagnosed conditions. However, it was never implemented as intended.

The Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities (KCDD) is uniquely qualified to oversee this program because it:

- understands what individuals with disabilities and their families truly need,
- is experienced in providing critical information and support to them, and
- has well-established partnerships with medical professionals and other support organizations.

KFL is confident that Kansas families who are facing the challenges that come with prenatal or postnatal diagnosed conditions will be well-served by the KCDD's implementation of this important program.

I respectfully ask that the committee find HB 2307 favorable for passage.

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