

Testimony for HB2359
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Hello, my name is Shane Lewis. I'm here today on behalf of the Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas; (SACK.)

SACK opposes the proposed bill as it is written.

There is a section of the bill dealing with "END OF LIFE" issues.

This section has fatal flaws in its language. As members of the Big Tent Coalition, we support the work that DRC and other organizations are doing to fix those flaws.

There are many aspects of this bill that are positive for people with disabilities.

If the Committee adopts the amendment we are hoping for, we would strongly support this bill.

There are so many positive and person-centered changes this bill makes for people with disabilities who need to have a guardian.

The bill improves and updates the laws that guardians must follow to support a person with a disability. Currently it fails to properly address end-of-life issues and the decision making powers of a guardian.

If these flaws are fixed we would support this bill.