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House Taxation Committee  
Chairman Smith and Committee Members  
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**HB 2163 - Proponent**

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and Committee Members. I am Linda MowBray, President/CEO of the Kansas Health Care Association and Kansas Center for Assisted Living. We are a trade Association representing for-profit and not-for-profit nursing home, assisted living, residential health care, home plus, and nursing facilities for mental health communities across the state. We are the oldest nursing home trade association in Kansas and have over 260 member communities. Our members care for nearly 20,000 elders across the state 24 hours a day with an employee team of over 20,000 workers.

We appreciate the opportunity to present testimony to support HB 2163.

The aging population in Kansas is growing faster than the workforce can accommodate, exceeding the availability of quality care facilities and straining the financial sustainability of existing settings due to rising costs and stagnant state and federal reimbursement rates.

The need to train excellent quality nursing home administrators is great and the burden placed on the student's preceptor is greater. We feel HB 2163 would help incentivize and motivate current long term care administrators to take on students or Administrators in Training (AIT).

We would note, however, not all qualified, approved training programs are accredited post-secondary institutions. Therefore, we would respectfully request that language be added to the bill on page 1 line 16 after the word "institutions" **or sponsored programs as defined by K.S.A. 65-3501.**

Adding this language would ensure that all qualified training entities could extend this incentive for preceptors in their programs.

Thank you for this opportunity and I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.

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