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House Committee on Welfare Reform

**Office of Inspector General Neutral Testimony
By Steven D. Anderson, CIG, Inspector General**

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Chair Awerkamp and Members of the Committee:

My name is Steve Anderson, Inspector General. Thank you for the opportunity to appear today and provide neutral testimony concerning HB 2731.

HB 2731 will consolidate the audits and investigations of the Supplemental Food Assistance Program (SNAP) under the Office of Inspector General (OIG). SNAP is essential to taking care of Kansans who need it most; however, this program is often taken advantage of by bad actors.

The responsibility for the detection, investigation, and prosecution for fraud, waste, and abuse involving SNAP would be a significant. Numerous changes, several that are potentially unseen at this time, would be required to current processes. There will also be several issues of coordination that must be overcome.

The aim for this effort should be to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the program to help ensure those entitled to benefits are receiving them and to reduce the amount of fraud, waste, and abuse.

Thank you for your time. I am happy to stand for questions.