

Neutral Testimony
SB 363 – an act concerning public assistance
Senate Committee on Government Efficiency
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Chairwoman Erickson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide neutral testimony on Senate Bill 363. My name is Andy Brown, Deputy Secretary for Programs and I appear today on behalf of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). KDADS appreciates the Committee's focus on accountability and efficiency within public assistance programs. The Department shares the goal of ensuring eligibility determinations are accurate and appropriately administered. However, KDADS offers the following considerations regarding the bill's requirement for quarterly eligibility determinations.

SB 363 would significantly increase the frequency of eligibility redeterminations. KDADS is concerned this change would create a substantial administrative burden for agency staff and providers without a corresponding improvement in program integrity. Eligibility determinations require staff time to gather documentation, review eligibility factors, communicate with individuals and families, and process determinations within required timelines.

Increasing the frequency of these reviews would require staff to redirect limited capacity away from other critical functions, including processing initial eligibility for individuals seeking services, authorizing supports once eligibility is established, and responding to changes in medical or functional need. As staff time is finite, additional redeterminations for individuals whose eligibility is unlikely to change may slow access to services for others awaiting assistance.

KDADS is also concerned about the impact on individuals and families served by the Department. Many individuals receiving KDADS-administered services have complex medical or functional needs and already manage frequent appointments and reporting requirements. For these populations, eligibility factors are often stable and change infrequently.

More frequent administrative reviews increase the risk of service disruption due to delayed or incomplete paperwork rather than actual changes in eligibility. For example, individuals receiving services through the Intellectual and Developmental Disability waiver or older adults on the Frail Elderly waiver could experience interruptions in essential supports, including services tied directly to housing stability, solely due to administrative timing issues.

While SB 363 is intended to promote efficiency, KDADS encourages the Committee to consider whether increased administrative frequency achieves that goal. Additional processing volume may increase workload, appeals, and reinstatements without producing meaningful eligibility changes, potentially creating inefficiencies rather than reducing them.

KDADS appreciates the Committee's consideration of these operational impacts and remains committed to working collaboratively with the Legislature to ensure eligibility processes are effective, efficient, and person-centered. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I am happy to stand for questions.

Respectfully,

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