

To: Rep. Bob Bethell, Chair, and Members,
House Aging and Long-Term Care Committee
From: Rachel Monger, Director of Government Affairs
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Support House Bill 2471

Thank you, Chairman Bethell and Members of the Committee. I am Rachel Monger, the Director of Government Affairs for LeadingAge Kansas, formerly known as KAHSA. We changed our name late 2011 to be in alignment with our national affiliate, which changed their name to LeadingAge, and to better reflect our ongoing aspiration and position as the recognized leader and knowledge resource in aging services in Kansas.

LeadingAge Kansas's 160 members include not-for-profit nursing homes, retirement communities, hospital long-term care units, assisted living and residential health care residences, homes plus, low income housing, licensed home health agencies and other community based service programs throughout Kansas.

LeadingAge Kansas and its members have a wealth of knowledge and experience on aging issues and services. As you deliberate on the many important issues you will face this Session, we invite you to call on us as the leading resource for information to assist you on policy matters, and in responding to constituent concerns.

Our members are among the major employers of adult care home administrators in the state. We stand in support of House Bill 2471, a measure that preserves in statute the long-standing practice in which adult care home administrator members of the Board of Adult Care Homes are selected by the Governor from nominations submitted by the professional and trade associations that serve adult care homes and adult care home administrators.

Thank you. I would be pleased to answer questions.