

House Health and Human Services Committee  
Proponent Written Testimony for SB 343  
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Thank you, Madam Chairwoman and members of the committee, for this opportunity to provide written proponent testimony in support of SB 343.

SB 343 replaces antiquated term “hearing impairment,” which is frequently found to be offensive, for the current more acceptable terminology, “hard of hearing.” The Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns (KCDC) supports using the most current acceptable terms regarding people with disabilities to show respect in statutes, regulations, correspondence, and all other governmental communication.

We encourage the committee to pass the bill out favorably.

Thank you again for this opportunity to submit written proponent testimony.