

House Judiciary Committee
Proponent Testimony for HB 2507
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 2507.

The Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns (JCDC) makes recommendations for changes to laws, regulations and public programs that help people with disabilities live in their own communities and access government programs and services.

Frequently people with disabilities bring issues to our attention. An attorney with a disability from Wichita brought this to my attention. The commission agreed that it would be appropriate for us to work to make this change to the statute. Rep. Highberger agreed to ask the committee to introduce it for us.

HB 2507 adds the word "disability" to the statute that makes discrimination against protected classes a crime. All of the other protected classes are included in this law and we believe people with disabilities should have access to this protection as well.

We encourage the committee to pass the bill out favorably.

Thank you again for this opportunity to submit testimony.