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Neutral Testimony - HB 2629

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Madame Chair Concannon and members of the committee:

I am Kay Haug, State Registrar and Director of the Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Thank you for the opportunity to provide neutral testimony for HB 2629.

KDHE's Office of Vital Statistics has a long partnership with the Child Death Review Board. HB 2629 codifies an existing practice that KDHE provides a copy of the death certificate meeting a select criteria to the Child Death Review Board. It is my understanding that this practice has been in place since the inception of the Child Death Review Board in 1992. There is no concern with continuing this practice.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide neutral testimony on HB 2629.