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TO: Senator Beverly Gossage and
Members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

FR: Matt Fletcher, Executive Director, InterHab

RE: HB 2751

Chair Gossage and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding HB 2751. We are aware of the Department's need to amend existing statute in order to clarify its oversight capacity of systems such as the IDD long-term care network.

InterHab's members support the development and maintenance of a strong network of services for Kansans with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The ability of KDADS to engage in meaningful oversight is critical to the strength and stability of our system. As such, we support the ability of KDADS to have adequate licensure oversight authority.

We have continued to work collaboratively with KDADS regarding IDD system challenges surrounding licensure and oversight. Our members remain committed to continued improvement in greater consistency in oversight across the state, as well as reasonable applications of licensure and oversight authority.

This bill was amended in the House Health and Human Services Committee to address an InterHab member's concerns regarding criminal history background checks for staff. We are supportive of that amendment. However, a definition of IDD day services was included as part of that amendment that we believe should be further amended to better reflect the service. It is our understanding that KDADS has submitted a revised definition for consideration by this committee as a further amendment. The revised definition would be:

"Day Services Provider" means a provider of day support services for development in self-help, social, recreational and work skills for adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities licensed by KDADS or a separate and distinct dedicated division of a provider of day support services for development in self-help, social, recreational and work skills for adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities licensed by KDADS.

InterHab fully supports this additional amendment and respectfully encourages this committee's consideration of it when deliberating the bill.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of HB 2751. If we can provide further information regarding the measures contained within this bill, please let us know.