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Aging and Long Term Care Committee

Mr. Chairman and Committee members

Today's seniors are faced with many attractive options for retirement living. One of these options is the continuing care retirement community, or CCRC. Continuing Care Retirement Communities are senior communities that provide different levels of care based on what each resident needs over time. This is sometimes called "life care" and can range from independent living in an apartment to full-time care in a nursing home.

In Kansas, we have a number of these communities and all indications are they are providers in good standing. Often, these communities require rather high fees to move into their communities. It is important to protect the funds because the seniors expect these dollars to last their lifetime.

I believe HB 2148 is a good idea until we have a definition in our Adult Care Home Statutes. Once the home is licensed and in operation, I am not aware of any entity that reviews and monitors the financial condition of the CCRC providers.

We support HB 2148.

Cindy Luxem

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