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To: House Committee on Commerce and Labor

From: Kathie Sparks, Deputy Secretary
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RE: SB 438 – New Hires Directory

Good Morning Chairman Brown and Committee Members, thank you for allowing me to appear as a proponent of SB 438. The purpose of the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) is to provide a national directory of employment and unemployment insurance information that will enable state Child Support Enforcement (IV-D) agencies to be more effective in locating noncustodial parents, establishing child support orders and enforcing child support orders. State Directories of New Hires (SDNHs), State Workforce Agencies (SWAs), and Federal agencies provide information to the NDNH.

SB 438 will codify the new required federal tasks in Kansas Statute. The language beginning on line 15 after the identification number "as well as any other information as may be required by Section 453A of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 653a and amendments thereto" will prevent the need for a statutory change each time the federal government adds a new information requirement for compliance. Finally, the attorney's at KDOL make the point that this is not an improper delegation of powers as it is not deciding what Kansas law will be, but rather what information we must provide in order to comply with a federal program.

House Commerce & Economic Development

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