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**Chair Barker, Vice Chair Highland, Ranking Member Ruiz and Members of the Committee:**

I am Andrew Wiens, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs for the Department for Children and Families. Thank you for giving DCF the opportunity to provide neutral written-only testimony regarding HB 2425.

HB 2425 amends K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 38-2223 related to reporting of abuse, neglect or exploitation of children to include, *“any adult who resides in the same home as the child. For the purposes of this section, “reside” means to stay, sleep or maintain with regularity or temporarily one’s person and property in the home for three or more consecutive days or parts of days, or for ten or more nonconsecutive days in a period of 30 consecutive days.”*

When abuse or neglect is suspected, this addition will statutorily mandate reporting by adults who reside in the same home as the children. This may strengthen the process to serve vulnerable children who are or have been victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

DCF is neutral regarding HB 2425. Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony to the Committee.