



Testimony on House Bill 2427

**Committee on Federal and State Affairs
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Good morning Chairman Barker and members of the committee. I am Jim Perkins, Health Facilities Program Director and I am here on behalf of KDHE to provide proponent testimony for HB 2427.

HB 2427 allows for the consolidation and consistency for the screening of prohibited offenses for health care facilities and staff by mirroring the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) statute and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 65-5117 (K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 39-970) for persons working in adult care homes with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 65-5117 no person shall knowingly operate a home health agency if, in the home health agency, there works any person who has adverse findings on any state or national registry, as defined in rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, or has been convicted of or has been adjudicated a juvenile offender because of having committed an act listed on the prohibited offenses list(s) has been proposed to mirror KDADS requirements. This legislation will allow KDADS to conduct fingerprint checks of persons working for the settings listed to ensure that consolidation and consistency for screening for prohibited offenses for health care facilities and staff prohibiting persons from working in these settings. The mirroring of statutory requirements allows for the consistency for the regulation and enforcement for both agency staff as well as health care facilities and staff.