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Chairperson Schmidt, and members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare committee. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify on SB 33. SB 33 pertains to the organization of the Bob Bethell joint committee on home and community based services and KanCare oversight.

A year ago changes were made to the makeup of the committee. Some of the changes were okay others may have not been so good. After serving on the committee for two years it became evident that certain individuals of the public policy committees should be represented on the oversight committee no matter which party is in power at the time. Hence you will see the changes made to reflect those who most closely work with the KanCare system. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Ranking Minority member will be statutory members of the committee. In addition the speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate President each will have an appointment. The minority leader of both houses will have an appointment and the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives will have an appointment.

The committee was originally set up with the Chair of the HHS committee as the first Chair of the oversight committee and the Chair would rotate every other year between the HHS committee and the Senate PHW committee. Also, I would like to clarify in statute the Chair of HHS and Chair of PHW will be serving as Chair of the oversight committee every other year.

We believe these changes will reflect the need to always have the leadership of the policy committees represented on the oversight committee while giving the Legislative Leadership of the House and Senate with appointments for the committee.

I will stand for Questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel R. Hawkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel R. Hawkins  
Chair, House HHS committee