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Proponent for SB 68- written only

We are the Kansas Health Care Association and Kansas Center for Assisted Living, a trade association with a membership of nursing homes, assisted living, residential health care, home plus, and nursing facilities for mental health. We are the oldest and largest nursing home trade association in Kansas. Our members care for nearly 20,000 elders across the state each and every day.

SB 68, the Kansas lay caregiver act, is a great concept. The Kansas lay caregiver act promotes the family caregiver into the most valuable person who can help with a speedy recovery. Home health matters can be very complicated and when the patient knows they have someone to care for them...the recovery is speedier. With the major emphasis being getting people discharged from the hospital as soon as possible, many times patients are discharged without adequate support.

Kansas Health Care Association requests your support of SB 68.

Submitted by Cindy Luxem

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