



February 4, 2020

House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee
Testimony Neutral on House Bill 2472

Chairman Jennings and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I am Stuart Little, President of the Behavioral Health Association of Kansas (BHAK), the State's trade organization dedicated solely to substance use disorders treatment and prevention providers seeking integrated behavioral health care. BHAK believes that true integrated behavioral health means access and funding for mental illness and substance use disorder treatment without regard to where our consumers seek services in the publicly funded behavioral health system.

We support the Senate Bill 123 treatment program and would support House Bill 2472 to make the benefits of Senate Bill 123 treatment available as a diversion option. However, as we testified previously, the State should not add offenders to the Senate Bill 123 without funding to serve the expansion. Thank you very much for the funding that was added in 2019, for the first time ever, to cover the costs of adding new offenders (simple possession) and to increase rates that had not increased in many years. We have customarily appeared to remind policy makers about the need to fund the program. There is a limited capacity to cover more participants. Overall funding had declined from over \$8.0 million to close to \$6.0 million until the 2019 increase. House Bill 2472 is symbolic of the great success of the Senate Bill 123 treatment instead of incarceration policy set twenty years ago. Expansion of the number of offenders in the program only works well when it is accompanied by expended funding to treat offenders and supervise them or we eventually put the program at risk, especially as we have just begun to make restorative increases.

I am happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

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