



House Education Committee

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Testimony on SB 284

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Chairman Huebert and members of the House Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of SB 284.

SB 284 would allow institutions under the direction of the Secretary for the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) to request a permanent vehicle placard to transport our patients or residents who qualify for a handicapped placard or license plate.

The institutions under the direction of the Secretary include Larned State Hospital, Osawatomie State Hospital, Kansas Neurological Institute and Parsons State Hospital and Training Center. This bill will allow the four State Hospitals in Kansas to request a disability placard to use when they are transporting patients or residents to medical and other appointments.

The permanent disability placard would allow KDADS to better serve our patients and residents. The placard available under SB 284 would allow a staff member transporting a resident to stay with the patient or resident rather than taking two staff for the appointment. On occasion, one staff member is needed to drive the vehicle and find a parking space, while the other staff member escorts the patient/resident to their appointment.

Thanks again for the opportunity to share our support of SB 284 with the committee.