

Hello. My name is Neil Diediker and I work at the DCF Topeka Service Center as Technology Support Consultant. I oppose Senate Bill 175. I am writing to you as a private Kansas citizen, and do not speak on behalf of my employer or any State of Kansas agency.

I apologize that I cannot be there in person to testify as opposing this bill, but I am currently too busy working on the computers of DCF staff who are over worked and understaffed.

My agency is struggling to be fully staffed and meet the demands pressed upon them with massive caseloads for the social workers, or struggling to take care of their families due to the state constantly increasing their premiums for healthcare. This kind of legislation does absolutely nothing to fund schools, fix roads, provide staffing for our agencies, giving state employees raises and NOT taking them away by raising our insurance premiums! This is nothing more than a waste of time and tax payer's dollars. Foster kids are missing, KanCare is a mess, high turnover is costing the state millions of dollars, the state debt rose 40% over 4 years and the 2019 Session that began on 1/14/2019 has yet to address any of these issues.

Every year state employees see less money in their paychecks. This bill does nothing to help state employees. Instead of this bill why not help state employees by reinstating their classification status. This would cost the tax payers of Kansas ABSOLUTELY NOTHING! Instead of going after my Union with this nonsense legislation please do something that actually helps state employees and all Kansans.