

January 24, 2020

Dear Members of the Education Committee:

As a professional American Sign Language/English interpreter and the mother of a deaf adult who utilizes ASL/English interpreter services, I encourage you to vote in support of SB 230. This bill clarifies the role of Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (KCDHH) regarding regulation of persons providing ASL/English interpreting services. While Kansas has many trained, competent and ethical practitioners, there remains a need for oversight and clarity regarding who can provide interpreting services within our state. KCDHH has done an exemplary job of responding to situations as they arise, however there has been confusion about who can and cannot provide services, as well as confusion regarding requirements for agencies who provide interpreting services.. This bill allows KCDHH to communicate clearly and succinctly to independent practitioners, agencies, and consumers alike.

Thank you for taking action to ensure that all Kansans receive quality ASL/English interpreting services.

Sincerely,  
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Senate Education  
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