

Testimony on HB 2151

House Children and Seniors Committee

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Chair Concannon and members of the Committee, my name is Kendra Baldrige, and I serve as the Director of Community Health Systems for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Public Health. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2151.

As proposed, HB 2151 would create a Kansas elder and dependent adult abuse multidisciplinary team for each judicial district. Since most elder mistreatment cases involve more than one kind of abuse and multidisciplinary teams bring together professionals from different disciplines to review cases of elder abuse and address systemic problems revealed by cases.

The Department of Health and Environment supports the creation of multidisciplinary teams in order to create a collaborative and innovative approach to reducing elder abuse. Thank you for the opportunity to share the importance of this bill.