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Senate Judiciary Committee  
Chairwoman Warren and Committee Members  
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**House Bill 2477 – Legislative Extension of EO 22-01 and 22-02**

**Proponent**

Good Afternoon Madam Chair and Committee Members. I am Linda MowBray, President/CEO of the Kansas Health Care Association and Kansas Center for Assisted Living. We are a state-wide trade Association representing for-profit and not-for-profit nursing home, assisted living, residential health care, home plus, and nursing facilities for mental health communities across the state. We are the oldest nursing home trade association in Kansas and have over 265-member communities.

Thank you for hearing the cries for help from the long-term care communities and the acute care providers across the state. Our health care providers have been stretched beyond the breaking point to care for Kansans – both with COVID-19 and without. The extension of EO 22-01 and EO 22-02 will provide the flexibility needed to assist our healthcare systems with recruiting, training and providing quality care across Kansas.

HB 2477 is not the panacea that will solve all of our workforce needs. Instead, it is a much-needed safety net which will allow providers to work together with their associations, agencies, the Legislature and the Governor's office to find and create more permanent solutions to our staffing crisis.

KHCA fully supports HB 2477 and would gratefully acknowledge an extension of these provisions past the May 15, 2022 date proposed in the original language.

We gratefully acknowledge the cooperative efforts between all entities involved to ease our burden and answer our cries for help.

Thank you and I'll stand for questions at the appropriate time.

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