



## **Kansas Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)**

### **Written Testimony - HB 2188**

Thank you for allowing me to present written testimony. My name is Janis DeBoer. I represent the 11 Area Agencies on Aging across Kansas and also serve as the Administrator of the Aging and Disability Resource Center contract for the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging.

As advocates, the 11 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) in Kansas, collectively serve all 105 counties in the state. The AAAs lead change to improve the lives of Kansans, their families and caregivers by coordinating long term services and supports and stretching taxpayer dollars.

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**The Area Agencies on Aging oppose HB 2188.**

**Eight of the eleven AAAs are small not-for-profit entities (three are county-linked agencies). These entities operate with a very limited number of accounting staff, in addition to a limited number of website managers.**

**HB 2188 is an unfunded mandate that would significantly increase the amount of time needed to update each website with documentation of public funds receipts and expenditures that are downloadable and searchable. We simply do not have the person-power for this type of activity.**

**Thank you.**

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**Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) -** The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services recently contracted for an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). A fully functioning ADRC is a trusted and visible place for Kansans of varying ages, disabilities, and income levels, to receive essential unbiased information about long term services and supports (LTSS), one Kansan at a time. KDADS's contract focuses on three specific areas: Information and Referral/Assistance; Options Counseling; Functional Assessments for Medicaid.

We are extremely pleased to announce that the eleven not-for-profit Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) have successfully joined together to implement the state-wide ADRC. As the state-wide ADRC, the current mission of the AAAs has been greatly enhanced to provide Kansans of varying ages, disabilities, and income levels with essential unbiased information about long term supports and services.