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To: Children and Seniors Committee

From: Lea Taylor
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Subject: HB 2100, AN ACT concerning the state treasurer; relating to financial institutions; creating tax deferred savings accounts for individuals with disabilities

Chairwoman O'Brien and members of the Committee:

I appreciate the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB2100. This legislation provides for the establishment of an enabling savings program known as the Kansas ABLE savings program. The purpose of the Kansas ABLE savings program is to authorize the establishment of savings accounts empowering individuals with a disability and their families to save private funds to support the individual with a disability and to provide guidelines for the maintenance of such accounts.

While this legislation does not directly impact our programs, KDADS supports this legislation as it increases opportunities for the people we serve with disabilities to plan for their futures and maintain independence and is consistent with the agency's mission.