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Madam Chair and members of the Committee, I am Don Jordan, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. I appreciate the opportunity to come before you on HB 2594.

SRS welcomes the creation of the Joint Committee on SRS as outlined in HB 2594. Legislative oversight is necessary to ensure good public policy and will assist SRS in providing the best services possible to the Kansans we serve.

SRS anticipates major changes in service delivery within the next year including the establishment of associate agreements with willing providers of mental health services to children on medicaid and moving forward with Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP). Legislative oversight will be especially welcomed during these times of change.

For the aforementioned reasons, SRS encourages your support of HB 2594.

I will be happy to stand for questions.