

House Resolution No. 6018

By Committee on Children and Seniors

3-10

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of restoring full funding to
2 the Kansas Senior Care Act.

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4 WHEREAS, The Kansas Senior Care Act was established in 1989
5 with overwhelming bipartisan support in order to assist older Kansans
6 who have functional limitations in self-care and independent living, but
7 who are able to reside in a community-based residence if some services
8 are provided; and

9 WHEREAS, The Kansas Senior Care Act provides for a non-Medicaid
10 program that offers elderly residents of Kansas the opportunity to receive
11 care and support services in their homes; and

12 WHEREAS, Participants of the program provided by the Kansas
13 Senior Care Act contribute to the cost of services based on their ability to
14 pay; and

15 WHEREAS, The Kansas Senior Care Act is funded at the state level
16 by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services and
17 administered by local Area Agencies on Aging; and

18 WHEREAS, The 11 Area Agencies on Aging in Kansas serve all 105
19 counties in the state and work hard to meet the needs of Kansans
20 requiring long-term care services and support; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2016, funding for the Kansas Senior Care Act was cut
22 by 30%, leading to a reduction of services and the implementation of a
23 wait list for services in some counties; and

24 WHEREAS, Without restored funding for in-home services through
25 the Kansas Senior Care Act, many additional current and would-be
26 participants will be without needed services or will enter nursing homes;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Continued support and funding of the Kansas Senior
29 Care Act is imperative: Now, therefore,

30 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
31 That we support the restoration of full funding to the Kansas Senior Care
32 Act.