

SESSION OF 2006

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 490**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Ways and Means

**Brief\***

Substitute for SB 490 would create the Kansas Long-Term Care Bill of Rights which would establish guiding principles for future policy development. Principles established by the bill relate to a comprehensive system of care, integration of services, maximization of state resources, choice of services and care settings, access to services, use of informal caregivers, a single point of entry, information on care options, consumer protections, eligibility requirements, provider reimbursements, expedited eligibility determination, stakeholder involvement and reporting requirements. The bill also would state that nothing in the bill creates an entitlement to services.

**Background**

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means recommended the substitute bill. The substitute contains provisions of the original bill, with amendments, and certain provisions from 2006 SB 502.

Proponents of the original bill included representatives of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Kansas Department on Aging, Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas, Disability Rights Center, AARP Kansas, Topeka Independent Living Resource Center and the Kansas Association of Centers for Independent Living. Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Southeast Kansas Independent Living Resource Center.

Several of the proponents suggested amending the original bill to include certain provisions from SB 502 relating to expedited eligibility determination, stakeholder involvement and reporting requirements.

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