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The Associated Landlords of Kansas (TALK) was created in 1981 by a group of people from across Kansas to “Promote a strong voice in the legislature, a high standard of ethics, and provide educational opportunities for landlords.” Some of our members helped create The Residential Landlord-Tenant Act of 1975, a model of fair law for both landlords and tenants.

In this 2020 legislative session, we will continue to work for fair and decent housing for all.

#### Testimony on H.B. 2523

Last year I and Martha Smith, Executive Director with the Kansas Manufactured Housing Association, asked that this committee consider clarifying as best possible the law pertaining to Assistance Animals, specifically creating some type of guidelines on how Housing Providers should address the ever increasing requests for Emotional Support animals.

At that time, HUD had been largely silent on our rights and responsibilities.

After speaking with Representative Patton, and meeting with representatives from various disability and Tenant groups, it was decided that requesting help from the Kansas Judicial Council would make sense.

Representative Patton took our request to them, and Martha and I explained our desire to work with all of the interested parties to make sure our fellow Kansans understand the rules.

The committee appointed us to a sub-committee which included members of the disability community, Representative Stephen Owens, the Kansas Chamber, the Junction City City Attorney, and the Realtors. It was chaired by the Hon. Amy Harth, Chief District Judge in the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. After many meetings and much compromise, we came up with this proposed Bill.

It will set into law rules that Housing Providers and Tenants must follow when a need for an Assistance Animal is requested, and addresses the role of the internet scam artists who make money by selling their service with no actual knowledge of the circumstances.

As of this writing, HUD has just released an update pertaining to most of these concerns, and it appears that H.B. 2523 is very much in agreement with what it says, including addressing individuals who misrepresent their entitlement to an assistance animal, and housing providers who improperly deny the reasonable requests of those who are.

If we can be of help to you in any area concerning property rights, tenants, or landlords, please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

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