



Testimony on SB104, requiring a court order be issued directing a child to remain in a present or future placement for certain children in need of care.

Judiciary Committee

February 9, 2021

Good afternoon Chairperson Warren and other Judiciary Committee members. My name is Nickaila Sandate, CEO at EmberHope Youthville in Newton Kansas. For over 90 years EmberHope Youthville, a child welfare non-profit agency, has been committed to diligently work to lead healthy change for children and families by offering innovative trauma-sensitive programs rooted in faith.

EmberHope Youthville has been providing Secure Care services to females in the custody of the state since 2010. In this 11-year history, the Secure Care program has provided services to over 280 unique clients, some of whom have been served on multiple occasions.

Because of the extensive history serving this population and others, we believe Secure Care is a necessary level of support needed to ensure the safety of this population. We support the change to SB 104 as introduced. We believe by supporting this change, youth in need of a Secure Care placement will be ordered and served as appropriate.



900 W Broadway St.
P.O. Box 210
Newton, Kansas 67114



800.593.1950



Info@emberhope.org