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Majority Leader Calls on Transparency from Governor Kelly's Medicaid Working Group.

TOPEKA, KS: Kansas House Majority Leader Dan Hawkins (R-Wichita) today called on Governor Laura Kelly to open the meetings of her recently-announced working group on Medicaid expansion to the public and freely accept public testimony.

"The Kansas Legislature this year has taken significant steps to increase transparency. The decision of whether to expand Medicaid by adding the healthcare expenses of tens-of-thousands of healthy, mobile adults to the backs of taxpayers is a significant one. Kansans deserve to know the facts. Governor Kelly's new working group has been given significant responsibility in recommending legislation that will cost the people of Kansas hundreds of millions of dollars. The Governor owes the taxpayers an opportunity to participate in the working group. In keeping with the Legislature's renewed focus on transparency, I'm calling on Governor Kelly to open the meetings of her new working group to the press and the public, and to allow an appropriate time of public comment. This process should not take place behind closed doors."

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