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Good morning, Chairman Weisz and House Human Services Committee members, I am Christine Greff, the Cardiac and Stroke Systems Coordinator at the Department of Health and Human Services (Department).

The Acute Cardiovascular Emergency Medical System century code helps to establish and maintain a comprehensive emergency cardiovascular medical system for the state. The system includes standards for a system plan, prehospital emergency services, a hospital designation program, system registries, and a plan for achieving continuous quality improvement.

Section 23-47-02 d. (1) of the Acute Cardiovascular Emergency Medical System century code states, "In implementing this plan, the department shall maintain a statewide STEMI heart attack database that aggregates information and statistics on heart attack care. The department shall utilize the ACTION registry-get with the guidelines data platform, or other equivalent platform." The ACTION registry-get with the guidelines platform no longer exists. The registry broke into two parts that now exist individually as the American College of Cardiology's (ACC) National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDR) and the American Heart Association's (AHA) Get with the Guidelines: Coronary Artery Disease (GWTG: CAD).

We support senate bill 2085, an act to amend the century code section 23-47-02. The amendment removes the language, "The department shall utilize the ACTION registry get with the guidelines data platform, or other equivalent platform." This revision to the century code will ensure the longevity of the legislation while preserving the department's ability to maintain a statewide database to achieve continuous quality improvement in the quality of care provided under the cardiac system.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I would be happy to respond to any questions you may have.