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Abstract: This study will examine the current driving under the influence (DUI) policies in the state of Kansas. State government agencies have provided legislative oversight which challenges the effectiveness of these policies. They have deemed current policies ineffective in reducing the recidivism rate among habitual DUI offenders. Enacted DUI legislation was analyzed to determine the effectiveness of current laws and to measure whether these laws reduced the rate of recidivism. This study proposes that Kansas agencies are ineffective in enforcing DUI policies, specifically in mandating the usage of DUI devices. Results and implications will be further addressed.

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