



To: House Committee on Health and Human Services

From: Travis Oller, DC
Kansas Chiropractic Association
Legislative Committee Chair

Date: February 4, 2016

Subject: HB 2578 - Amending the School Sports Head Injury Prevention Act.

My name is Travis Oller, DC, and I am pleased to present testimony on behalf of the Kansas Chiropractic Association regarding House Bill 2578. I am a Chiropractic Doctor practicing in Topeka and serve as legislative chair of the KCA, the professional Association representing licensed Chiropractors in Kansas.

This bill would amend K.S.A. 72-135, to allow Doctors of Chiropractic along with both MD and DO licensees of the Healing Arts Act, to sign return-to-play certificates for KSHAA athletes who have sustained a concussion.

- Doctors of Chiropractic are trained, licensed, and qualified to diagnose and treat concussions both by education and licensure.
- DCs in Kansas are under the same record-keeping requirements as MDs/DOs, and share records when requested.
- In Kansas, DCs are considered primary care providers with direct access and full ability to perform or order any diagnostic tests required.
- Many Kansans choose to have a DC as their primary care provider and do not regularly see an MD/DO.

We have submitted testimony from a number of Doctors of Chiropractic currently practicing in Kansas as well as clinicians teaching at Cleveland College of Chiropractic in Overland Park, Kansas.

Reading through this testimony you will see that Doctors of Chiropractic are not only trained and licensed to diagnose and treat concussions, but we are currently seeing these patients. We have also submitted testimony from the parent of an effected student about the time and monetary costs associated with referring the patient to another provider for the return-to-play release.

This referral for a simple signature has significant costs to the patient and their parents in time missing school and work as well as costs for the office visit/examination in order return-to-play.

We urge you to pass HB 2578 out of committee favorably.

I will stand for questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Travis R. Oller, D.C." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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