



Written testimony in support of Senate Bill 415
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Chairman Smith and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to appear before you today to speak in support of SB 415.

SB 415 amends K.S.A. 75-5664(f) and K.S.A. 75-5665(b) to remove sunset clauses that if allowed to take effect, will remove language authorizing the Advisory Committee on Trauma and the Regional Trauma Councils the ability to review incidents of trauma care and provides guidelines on how such reviews are to be conducted.

The proposed changes are necessary to assure the Advisory Committee on Trauma and the Regional Trauma Councils maintain the authority to review trauma care for identification of opportunities to facilitate learning, enhance program growth, improve patient safety and ultimately ensure the well-being of those suffering injuries in the State of Kansas.

Should the proposed changes not come to fruition, the welfare of Kansas citizens may be compromised.

The Kansas Trauma Program, within the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), serves as the lead agency for Kansas trauma-related matters.

KDHE respectfully recommends deleting “(3) *The provisions of this subsection (f) shall expire on July 1, 2016, unless the legislature reviews and reenacts this provision pursuant to K.S.A. 45-229, and amendments thereto.*” found on page 23, line 11-13:

And

further recommends deleting “(3) *The provisions of this subsection (b) shall expire on July 1, 2016, unless the legislature reviews and reenacts this provision pursuant to K.S.A. 45-229, and amendments thereto.*” found on page 25, line 10-12: