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SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 40

Written Neutral Testimony for SB 40 on behalf of the City of Shawnee

By Katie Killen, Assistant City Manager
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Honorable Chair and members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee,

The City of Shawnee has reviewed Senate Bill 40 and is generally supportive of the effort to provide consistency to the professional licensing of massage therapists. Many of the items that will be required are already part of the City's licensing process for massage therapists within our community.

Our general support of SB 40 hinges on the condition that cities would maintain their ability to license massage establishments through basic business licensing practices and allow for inspections of establishments as part of the process. Additionally, the City believes that we can continue to charge for the business licensing in order to cover any associated costs.

The City of Shawnee is cautious because of recent incidents that have occurred in our area. As such, if language were to change to remove the regulating abilities outlined above and abilities to recoup fees, or if the intent of the bill would be to remove these abilities, the City of Shawnee would no longer be neutral.

Thank you for your consideration.

