

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6025

A RESOLUTION calling upon the members of the Board of Healing Arts to promptly make changes as necessary to ensure that the board effectively fulfills its statutory duties and to restore public confidence in the board's operations and activities.

WHEREAS, The Kansas Board of Healing Arts is charged by K.S.A. 65-2801 et seq. with protecting the Kansas public against "unprofessional, improper, unauthorized and unqualified practice of the healing arts"; and

WHEREAS, A 2006 legislative post audit identified serious problems with delay and slow resolution of various complaints and cases by the Board of Healing Arts; and

WHEREAS, The House Health and Human Services Committee and the Senate Health Care Strategies Committee recently conducted public hearings that identified problems with agency operations; and

WHEREAS, The Office of United States Attorney for the District of Kansas has expressed concern about certain operations of the Board of Healing Arts in connection with a case or cases in which the alleged conduct of a licensee of the Board of Healing Arts was so egregious as to result in federal criminal prosecution; and

WHEREAS, Recent high-profile cases have cast further doubt upon whether the Kansas Board of Healing Arts is functioning in a manner that meets its statutory duty to protect the people of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature is considering legislation, developed in consultation with the Board of Healing Arts and with medical professionals, to improve the statutory authority of the Board of Healing Arts to better carry out its statutory duty; and

WHEREAS, Senior staff of the Board of Healing Arts serve at the pleasure of the members of the Board of Healing Arts and confidence in the ability of the senior staff at the Board of Healing Arts to remedy the identified problems is essential; and

WHEREAS, Statutory changes alone are unlikely to restore public confidence in the ability of the Board of Healing Arts to properly fulfill its statutory duty to protect the public: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That the House of Representatives calls upon the members of the Board of Healing Arts to promptly make such changes as may be necessary to ensure that the board effectively fulfills its statutory duties and to restore public confidence in the board's operations and activities; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to each member of the Board of Healing Arts.

House Resolution No. 6025 was sponsored by Jeff Colyer.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*