House Committee on Health and Human Services
Proponent Testimony on Substitute for Senate Bill 67
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Madam Chair and members of the committee, my name is William Wilk, Senior Director of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support Substitute for Senate Bill 67, which authorizes registered nurse anesthetists to prescribe, procure and administer drugs.

Substitute for Senate Bill 67 would remove government-imposed barriers that increase the regulatory burden and restrict trained health care professionals from performing their work to the full extent of their training. Healthcare, like all other industries, faces a workforce shortage. Those challenges are made worse by unnecessary state laws and regulations restricting access to affordable, high quality health care for Kansans.

Whether we are talking about APRN's, dentists or CRNA's, we should ensure that state law does its job to protect patients without limiting competition in the marketplace. Those two philosophies can coexist and are not mutually exclusive.

The Kansas Chamber will continue to advocate for policies that reduce government barriers on our healthcare professionals without sacrificing any safety concerns when it comes to the regulation of health-related issues and practices. We should allow our health professionals to practice what they have learned and been trained to do through technological advancements in healthcare. Removing these government barriers will increase access to healthcare professionals, reducing current wait times to receive diagnoses and treatments for Kansans across the state.

We would encourage this committee to continue evaluating state policies and removing government created regulatory barriers where possible. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Substitute for Senate Bill 67, and I'm happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.