



Proponent Testimony Substitute for SB 67

House Committee on Health and Human Services

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Chairman Carpenter and Members of the Committee:

My name is Susan Hofmann, and I am the Legislative Chair for the Kansas Advance Practice Nurse Association (KAPN). I am a family nurse practitioner who has been actively advocating healthcare issues that focus on caring for all Kansans. Thank you for allowing us to submit written testimony on this important issue.

This legislation will allow certified nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) to work to the full extent of their education and training. Currently, in the state of Kansas, CRNAs are not permitted to write prescriptions. The passage of Substitute for SB 67 will improve access to healthcare and allow CRNAs to practice within the full extent of their education, training, and certification. This legislation modernizes state statutes and removes unnecessary regulation while maintaining public safety and quality health outcomes. Substitute for SB 67 will align with legislation passed in 2022 that has provided full practice authority for advance practice registered nurses in Kansas.

In 2020, the Federal Trade Commission supported full practice authority for advanced practice registered nurses in Kansas. Their research shows that independent prescribing authority improves access to care, decreases healthcare costs, and expands innovation in the Kansas health delivery system.

Multiple studies across the United States show that access to healthcare increases for both rural and urban areas when independent prescribing authority has been provided. We ask that you support Substitute Bill for SB 67 in optimizing access to quality, comprehensive healthcare for Kansans by providing prescribing rights to CRNAs. Thank you for allowing me to submit this written testimony.

Respectfully,

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