

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 432

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Government Efficiency

Brief*

SB 432 would remove restrictions on the number of dental offices owned by a licensed dentist and the minimum time in which said licensed dentist must be present at each location owned.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Government Efficiency at the request of a representative of the Association of Dental Support Organizations.

Committee on Government Efficiency

In the Senate Committee hearing on February 9, 2026, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Association of Dental Support Organizations, Kansas Justice Institute, and a private citizen whom identified themselves as a dental professional. The proponents generally stated that the provisions being removed in the bill are discriminatory as dentistry is the only healthcare profession with such a rule in statute and that Kansas is the only state in the United States with such a rule. Proponents also generally discussed the burdens that the provisions of the bill would remove for practitioners, and the lack of evidence that the restrictions lead to better care for patients.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce.

Opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Dental Association and two private citizens, both of whom identified as dental professionals and one of whom is the current president of the Kansas Dental Association Board. The opponents generally stated that the restrictions should not be removed because they help ensure oversight of satellite offices through the minimum time requirements. Additionally, opponents discussed that the rate of dental support organizations in the state are similar to surrounding states without the rule and that they are concerned elimination of these restrictions could allow for the greater infiltration of private equity into dental offices.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Dental Board states enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations.

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