



Written Testimony on House Bill 2029

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Chairman Owens and members of the committee, I am Robert Stiles, the Primary Care Director in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill 2029.

This bill proposes to include a new profession in the definition of "charitable health care provider" in KSA 75-6102, ultrasound technologists. This addition would allow enrolled ultrasound technologists to enter into an agreement with the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to receive coverage under the Kansas Tort Claims Act when gratuitously providing care to medically indigent individuals. Medically indigent individuals include uninsured individuals in a family unit earning less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level and individuals enrolled in Medicaid or HealthWave.

Current professions eligible to participate as Charitable Health Care Providers include all professions licensed by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts, nurses, dentists, dental hygienists, mental health technicians, optometrists, pharmacists, and licensed mental health practitioners. The addition of ultrasound technologists to the list of eligible professions would require only minor modifications to Charitable Health Care Provider Program procedures and materials and would not require additional staffing or costs to KDHE.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to the committee today.