



## TESTIMONY

Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
SB 327  
Tuesday, February 7, 2012

My name is Bob Williams, Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine. Thank you for this opportunity to address the committee regarding SB 327.

The Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine is in support of SB 327

SB 327 adds persons who are authorized to prescribe or dispense scheduled substances and drugs of concern to the list of persons authorized to receive prescription monitoring data if they suspect the purchaser will misuse or divert the scheduled drug (Page 3; Lines 14-17). Medical examiners and coroners are also added to the list. Adding prescribers and dispensers to the statute makes sense and will go a long way to assist with the control of drug misuse and diversion.

The Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine also supports the amendment offered by the Kansas Medical Society. The amendment would require an advisory committee, comprised of prescribers and dispensers, to review cases where there might be a violation of the controlled substance law or a standard of care prior to reporting the individual to law enforcement. The intent of the amendment is to assure there was indeed a violation of the controlled substance law prior to reporting to law enforcement.

We encourage the committee to pass SB 327 and the proposed amendment.

Thank you.