

2013 Session - Testimony for HB 2077
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Chairman Senator Ostmeyer, Vice Chairman Senator Emler, Ranking minority member Senator Faust-Goudeau and members of the committee.

Thank you for allowing us to testify today in support of House Bill 2077.

This bill could have a major impact on the economy of the state of Kansas. The quicker we get trained, competent people into the work force, the quicker Kansas will recover from this continually struggling economy.

The training given in the military is very stringent and thorough, as many lives are at stake if the job is not done right.

It is my understanding that this bill is particularly aimed at the health support field. The need for competent health support workers is paramount in western Kansas where I live and throughout most of the state.

On Tuesday, March 5th, it was my privilege to support the VFW National Commander-in-Chief John Hamilton's testimony before a joint veterans committee of the U.S. House and Senate. During that testimony, Senator Heller from Nevada stated that he was going to introduce legislation nationally, for the same purpose as Kansas HB 2077.

Kansas has the opportunity to be and I know you will be, the front runner by passing this important legislation. Thank you for allowing the Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars to testify today in strong support of HB 2077. Respectfully Herb Schwartzkopf and Brad Stauffer.