

Senate Standing Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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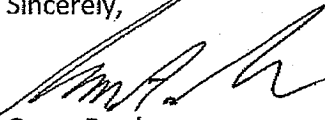
Chairman and members of the committee, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2078. I am Gregg Burden, Executive Director of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs (KCVA) and presenting in my absence today is Wayne Bollig, Veteran Services Director.

There are many Kansas veterans who have received specific training while in the military service that should be able to use that training for their degree or course completion. However, often the veteran is forced to take classes to complete their degree/course programs for which the veteran has already acquired from their time in the military. The veteran must also pay for these classes and expend months of their time that could be utilized as productive service in the Kansas workforce. Instead, they are attending classes of minimal educational benefit and wasting their precious GI-Bill benefits.

The KCVA supports HB 2078.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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