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Good Afternoon Chair Pilcher-Cook and members of the Public Health and Welfare Committee. My name is Mary Blubaugh, Executive Administrator for the Kansas State Board of Nursing. I am providing neutral written testimony for HB 2078.

The Board of Nursing has not had a board meeting to review this language so I will provide information about the process of licensing a Practical Nurse (PN) from the military. Currently, the Army has a Practical Nursing program at Fort Sam Huston which is recognized as an approved PN program. If a graduate of Fort Sam Huston applies for PN licensure in Kansas, they must complete an application process, pay the fee, and if they have passed NCLEX for PN they can get a temporary license. When KSBN receives a transcript from Fort Sam Huston with the degree posted and the applicant have met all other requirements, they will receive a permanent license.

The Board of Nursing has reviewed the transcripts from Fort Sam Houston PN program. The program provides instruction on basic knowledge of human anatomy and physiology, nutrition, microbiology, pharmacologic mathematics concepts, fundamental of nursing, and applying the nursing process. The courses provide the PN role, skills, critical thinking, nursing process, documentation, and basic nursing care.

Thank you for your time and consideration.