

HOUSE BILL 2608

PROPONENT TESTIMONY

Ladies and gentlemen, it is our pleasure to provide testimony to the House Health and Human Services Committee on this important piece of legislation. Currently, the data sent to the state trauma registry provides no patient identifiers thus making it inaccurate, and nearly impossible, to track the treatments and the outcomes for the 23% of trauma patients who are transferred to another institution during their care. In order to fully realize the benefits of a trauma system, we must be able to follow patients from the initial EMS response, to the original hospital receiving the patient, and finally to the trauma center receiving the patient in transfer. This bill will provide KDHE the ability to deliver much more robust data, resulting in improvements throughout the system and providing the citizens of Kansas a safer and more effective trauma system.

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