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Neutral Written Testimony for SB 40

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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 SB 40.

The massage therapy profession and their lobbyist Mr. Stuart Little have presented their desire to be regulated by the Board of Nursing and shared draft language at several board meetings. The Board Members have not reviewed the final bill. At their December board meeting, the Board had the opportunity to review a draft of the bill and is neutral on the proposed draft language. Mr. Little and the massage therapy industry have worked with the Board of Nursing to mirror the language of our current statutes. They have been very willing to incorporate the Board's requests in the language of the bill.

The Board would need two additional FTE positions for the regulation of the licensure of massage therapist.

Thank you for your time and consideration.