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To: House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee

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Written Testimony Only

Subject: HB 2059; Amending the American medical association guides to the evaluation of permanent impairment edition used for determining workers compensation benefits.

I write to you today in support of HB 2059 to replace the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment with the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment for use in determining disability in the Kansas Worker's Compensation system.

For musculoskeletal injuries the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition uses a Diagnosis Related Estimate (DRE) model. This DRE model looks at a diagnosis and assigns a Whole Person Impairment (WPI) plus or minus 1-2% for pain or Activities of Daily Living (ADL) function. There is no room for clinical judgment.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Edition allows for the use of the DRE model, but also allows for a Range of Motion (ROM) model to determine permanent impairment. The ROM model takes into account loss of motion, a diagnosis based WPI rating, and neurological deficits (sensory and motor) to determine impairment.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Edition allows for a more complete picture of the injured worker's condition and a more accurate impairment rating.

I ask you to favorably vote HB 2059 out of committee.

Sincerely,  
Travis R. Oller, DC