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Subject:

HB 2046 Anesthesiologist Assistant Act

Neutral testimony (written)

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (KSBHA) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2456. The KSBHA presently licenses and regulates multiple health care professions. The mission of the KSBHA is to safeguard the public and strengthen the healing arts.

HB 2046 creates professional licensure act for Anesthesiologist Assistants. The provisions in HB 2046 are consistent with statutory process and procedures set forth in the Physician Assistant Act and codified in K.S.A. 65-28a01 et sec. The bill provides for education, application, and regulation standards. Further, it includes a requirement for a Kansas licensed physician to provide appropriate supervision.

KSBHA will be available to answer Committee questions.