



House Health and Human Services Committee  
Monday, February 13, 2017  
Neutral Written Testimony  
HB 2254

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Vigilias Telehealth is a multi-specialty medical practice providing care to rural areas via innovative and cost-effective telemedicine technology. We have one goal: Making high-quality care accessible to everyone, regardless of their location, age, or the time of day. We currently provide telemedicine solutions to over 22 locations across Kansas using technology we created to increase the quality of care, while at the same time, reducing the cost to deliver the service.

We appreciate the bill's sponsor including an additional sentence adjusting the consent requirements during emergency situations. We are supportive of any measure to help move access to this important care modality forward.

We are testifying neutral because this bill does not address what we believe is the largest obstacle in providing more health care resources to rural Kansas: support from the Kansas private insurance industry. We will provide additional comments on our observations when we testify in support of HB 2206 later this week.

Sincerely,

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President

Vigilias Telehealth