

Senate Government, Senate Ways & Means Committee

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Testimony in Support of Substitute for House Bill 2331

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Good morning Madam Chair and Members of the Senate Government, Senate Ways & Means Committee. The Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) appreciates the opportunity to provide written testimony as a proponent for Senate Substitute for HB 2331.

KSBN was developed in 1913 by legislative action. The mission of the Board of Nursing is to assure the citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurses and mental health technicians through licensure and regulations of Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners and Licensed Mental Health Technicians. There are eleven Board members appointed by the Governor. KSBN is the largest health care fee fund board with approximately 72,000 active licensees and receives no state general funds.

During the 2017 session, KSBN presented testimony outlining some of the questions and concerns regarding the formation of the Kansas Information Technology Enterprise Office (KITE). The concerns primarily pertained to its authority to direct and utilize IT resources of all executive branch agencies, including funds and personnel.

KSBN extends our appreciation to CITO Donna Shelite, who reached out to KSBN as well as our colleagues from some of the other small agencies. We were provided several opportunities to review and discuss the proposed bills and came up with mutually agreed upon language. KSBN is now happy to provide support for the amended language of Senate Substitute for House Bill 2331.

The board respectfully asks for favorable action on Senate Substitute for HB 2331.

Thank you for your time and consideration.