



Testimony for House Bill 2488
House Education Committee
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Chairman Huebert and Members of the Committee:

I am Aaron Dunkel, Executive Director for the Kansas Pharmacists Association (KPhA). The Kansas Pharmacists Association is the statewide professional association that represents Kansas pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and student pharmacists from all practice settings. I am writing this to you today to ask for your support for HB 2488.

HB 2488 would authorize pharmacists to distribute a supply of standard and pediatric dose epi pens, albuterol metered dose inhalers, albuterol solution and spacers to a school pursuant to a prescription from a physician or mid-level practitioner in the name of the school. This allows schools to maintain adequate stock of these life-saving medications, while minimizing the difficulty related to maintaining patient specific medications. The bill will allow schools to have a standard stock, available for use by trained staff to treat those suffering from anaphylaxis on school property or at a school-sponsored event.

KPhA believes the controls in the bill related to staff training, storage of the medications, and appropriate use guidelines creates a safe and responsible environment for the use of these life-saving medications. We also support the removal of liability from civil damages for the supplying pharmacist or prescribing authority that is provided in the bill. This will minimize barriers to providers and will allow all of the necessary parties to take part in this potentially life-saving program.

KPhA is proud to be able to support HB 2488. This bill allows schools to work with pharmacists, doctors, and mid-level practitioners to ensure that schools have ready access to these life-saving medications.

Thank you, Chairman and Committee, for your consideration of HB 2488.