



To: House Health and Human Services Committee

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Subject: HB 2402; Providing for certain business entities to engage in the corporate practice of medicine.

Chairperson Landwehr and other members of this committee, I write today in opposition of HB 2402.

I have been a licensed Doctor of Chiropractic in Kansas since January of 2001. I have practiced in variety of office environments, from a small, one-doctor office with no staff to a large multi-disciplinary office with other Doctors of Chiropractic, Physical Therapists, and a Doctor of Medicine and I am currently the Executive Director of the Kansas Chiropractic Association.

The KCA represents more than 1,100 licensed Doctors of Chiropractic in Kansas who also work in diverse practice environments.

After HB 2146 died in committee at Turnaround, along with other opponents of HB 2146, KCA met with proponents of HB 2146 to discuss areas of compromise. The bill in front of you today is not a compromise and was not agreed upon by conferees.

HB 2402 is essentially a bill to license a new provider type, i.e. a corporate practice. Kansas has clear rules for establishing a new provider type that includes undergoing the credentialing process with KDHE as outlined in K.S.A. 65-5001. KCA feels that it would be appropriate to follow this process for the corporate practice of medicine.

If the committee decides that the credentialing process is not appropriate for the corporate practice of medicine, then at the least, corporate business entities should be held to the same standards of conduct and legal obligations as other licensees of the Board.



KCA supports amendments offered to HB 2402 by the Kansas Medical Society. These amendments would hold the corporate entities to the same legal and ethical standards as all licensees of the healing arts.

Additionally, the KMS amendments allow for an actuarial study on the effects of the corporate practice of medicine on the Kansas Healthcare Stabilization Fund.

While we feel that this bill attempts to correct an issue that does not exist, we want to work with all conferees to make sure that the relationship between the patient and provider is protected without any undue influence from a corporate practice.

Healthcare works best when treatment decisions are made between the patient and provider without external interference. For these reasons, Kansas Chiropractic Association opposes HB 2402 as written.

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