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To: House Judiciary Committee Chairperson Representative Patton:
From: Kathleen Selzler Lippert, JD, Executive Director
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Date: February 18, 2019
Subject: HB 2219 Mandate recording all meetings and posting on-line within 24 hours
Position: Neutral (Verbal and Written)

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (KSBHA) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2219, mandating recording all meetings and posting on-line within 24 hours. KSBHA licenses and regulates multiple health care professions. The mission of KSBHA is to safeguard the public and strengthen those who practice the healing arts.

KSBHA is neutral on the public policy connected with HB 2219 which adds a new mandate for all agencies to record all meetings and make those recording accessible to the public on-line within 24 hours.

KSBHA does have strong concerns about fiscal impact and ability to comply with this mandate due to limited resources. The State of Kansas has a broad cross section of public agencies. Some agencies are large and have media or communication staff along with technological abilities to implement this type of requirement. Many agencies have limited staff and technological resources that will make implementation challenging.

KSBHA was not asked to provide a fiscal note for this proposed legislation. KSBHA is not aware if other agencies were asked to provide a fiscal note or comment on logistical implementation issues connected with this mandate.

Respectfully,
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