



Kansas State Council

February 4, 2019

Chairman Proehl and members of the House Transportation Committee,

On behalf of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), I am pleased to provide testimony in support of HB 2088, creating the negligent driving violation.

The ENA comprises more than 43,000 members worldwide, including nearly 350 members in Kansas. On a daily basis, emergency nurses see the devastating effects of motor vehicle crashes as we care for injured patients. These injuries are preventable and we support measures like HB 2088 to enhance the safety of Kansans.

In their 2015 report, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration attributes 94 percent of serious crashes to driver factors, rather than environment or vehicle factors. In crashes in which the driver's errors were the cause, almost half are due to recognition error, including driver inattention, distractions and inadequate surveillance. In order to save the lives and decrease serious injuries of Kansans on our roadways, our drivers must remain attentive to the task of driving. The Emergency Nurses Association supports reasonable penalties when they fail to do so.

We respectfully request that committee members support HB 2088.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. As emergency nurses, we are committed to provide the utmost in care to ill and injured Kansans. Should you have any questions regarding emergency nursing or the Kansas Emergency Nurses Association, you may contact Teresa Taylor at 785-231-4363.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Taylor', written in a cursive style.

Teresa Taylor, BSN, RN, CEN, TCRN

Kansas Emergency Nurses Association Government Affairs Chairperson



1000 SW Jackson St
Suite 230
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Written testimony presented to the House Transportation Committee House Bill 2088

Chairman Proehl and members of the House Transportation Committee,

Safe Kids Kansas is pleased to provide testimony in support of HB 2088. Safe Kids Kansas is a nonprofit coalition of over 70 statewide organizations and businesses dedicated to preventing unintentional injuries and injury-related death to Kansas children ages 0-19.

As injury prevention specialists and safety advocates, we know that driving a vehicle weighing two or more tons on our roadways is a serious responsibility. The driver must not only process hundreds of tiny decisions each mile driven for their own safety, but also for the safety of others using or crossing these shared roads. In addition, there are distractions in excess, from alerts on the dashboard, music on the radio, conversations that may be taking place with passengers, and more. In the matter of just a moment, the driver's attention may be pulled away from other things, such as a bicyclist in the lane ahead, or a pedestrian walking on a stretch of road without sidewalks. As drivers, it is our responsibility to take caution and be aware of our surroundings. When a person is negligent in their driving responsibilities, it can result in serious or fatal consequences.

We support HB 2088 and reasonable penalties for negligent driving behaviors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. We believe all children deserve the chance to grow up free from serious and disabling injuries. Should you have any questions on children's safety issues at any time, please feel free to contact Teresa Taylor at 785-231-4363.

Attachments:

Safe Kids Kansas Member Organizations (see back of this page)



safekidskansas.org



Safe Kids Kansas Member Organizations

AAA Allied Group
 American Academy of Pediatrics – Kansas Chapter
 Brain Injury Association of Kansas
 Children’s Mercy Hospital
 Child Care Aware of Kansas
 Child Care Providers Together of Kansas
 Eye Care Council
 Dillon Stores
 Fire and Burn Safety Alliance of South Central Kansas
 Fire Education Association of Kansas
 Fire Marshal’s Association of Kansas
 Head Start State Collaboration Office/SRS
 Huggable Images
 HCC Fire Service Training Program
 International Association of Arson Investigators – Kansas Chapter
 Kansas Academy of Family Practice Physicians
 Kansas Action for Children
 Kansas Association for Counties
 Kansas Association of Local Health Departments
 Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine
 Kansas Association of School Boards
 Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services
 Kansas Children’s Cabinet & Trust Fund
 Kansas Chiropractic Association
 Kansas Cooperative Extension 4-H
 Kansas Dental Association
 Kansas Department Health & Environment:
 Bureau of Health Promotion
 Bureau of Family Health
 Bureau of Environmental Health
 Kansas Department of Human Resources
 Kansas Department of Transportation
 Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
 Kansas District of Kiwanis International
 Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association
 Kansas Emergency Nurses Association
 Kansas Farm Bureau
 Kansas Healthy Start Home Visitors
 Kansas Highway Patrol
 Kansas Hospital Association
 Kansas Insurance Department
 Kansas MADD
 Kansas Medical Society
 Kansas Motor Carriers Association
 Kansas National Education Association (KNEA)
 Kansas Operation Lifesaver
 Kansas Parent Teachers Association
 Kansas Poison Control Center
 Kansas Public Health Association

Kansas Recreation & Parks Association
 Kansas Safe Routes to School Program
 Kansas SADD
 Kansas School Nurses Organization
 Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs
 Kansas State Board of Education
 Kansas State Child Death Review Board
 Kansas State Fire Marshal’s Office
 Kansas State Firefighters Association
 Kansas State Nurses Association
 Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office
 Kansas Trauma Program
 Kansas Trial Lawyers Association
 KIDS Network
 KidsAndCars.com
 Kansas University Medical Center (KUMC):
 Burn Center
 Emergency Services
 Trauma Program
 National Highway Transportation Safety Administration
 (NHTSA) Regional Office
 Office of the Governor
 Safety & Health Council of Western MO & KS
 State Capitol Area Fire Fighters Association
 State Farm Insurance Companies
 Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center
 United School Administrators of Kansas
 Via Christi Hospital
 St. Francis Burn Center
 Trauma Center
 Wesley Medical Center

Last updated January 2019

