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House Federal and State Affairs Committee,

Chairman Barker and fellow committee members, I rise in **support** of HB 2059 today. This bill is very similar to the Kansas Attorney General bill HB 2058, but with a slight alteration. For the last several legislative sessions this committee has passed the Kansas Attorney General's reciprocity language. However, we have seen the bill amended twice on the floor lowering the concealed carry age to 18 with a license here in the state of Kansas.

In 2015 when the legislature passed Constitutional Carry, a line was accidentally removed from current law that permitted out of state concealed carriers younger than 21, honoring other states laws regarding their licensure age. Under current law if someone from another state who is under 21 comes into Kansas, they are at risk of breaking the law even though we recognize their license from a different state.

Under current Kansas law 18-, 19- and 20-year-old Kansans can open carry a handgun. If they simply put a jacket over the firearm, they are now breaking the law. HB 2059 will allow for 18-, 19-, and 20-year-old Kansans to obtain a provisional concealed carry license. If we are going to recognize 18 to 20 year old's from other states than we should recognize Kansans who are the same age as well.

In order to obtain a provisional license people applying will be required to do the same procedures as those who are applying for a standard license. This means that training and a shooting test will be required.

Why the creation of a provisional license? This will ensure that our current standard license does not lose any recognition from other states that might not recognize under 21 carry.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and committee members.

In Liberty,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blake Carpenter". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Representative Blake Carpenter