

Written Neutral Testimony of HB 2206  
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Thank you, Chairman Landwehr and members of the House Human Health and Human Services Committee, for the opportunity to discuss and provide written neutral testimony on HB 2206.

KOTA's membership of about 500 occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and occupational therapy students strives to improve and advance practice, education, and qualifications; maintain accepted standards of professional performance; foster research and study; and engage in other activities to disseminate knowledge about occupational therapy.

Occupational therapy health care coverage includes assisting those individuals with restoring functions and maintaining functions through rehabilitation and habilitation. All of the services are designed to improve patient outcomes, lower costs and in return savings. Under COVID-19 quarantine procedures, many patients could not come to in-person visits. Occupational therapists have been able to utilize telemedicine sufficiently to make sure individuals get the care and they need.

KOTA recognizes the great opportunities that telemedicine offers, especially during these tough times. We would ask the committee to expand HB 2206 to include other health care providers including occupational therapy.

Thank you for your consideration.

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