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To: House Taxation Committee  
Rep. Adam Smith, Chair

From: Carol Moreland, MSN, RN  
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Subject: HB 2558

Position: **Proponent (Written)**

The Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) provides this testimony in support of HB 2558 that would provide a Kansas income tax subtraction modification for contributions to the board of pharmacy as a donation, gift or bequest supporting the prescription monitoring program. The mission of the Board of Nursing is to assure the citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurses and mental health technicians. The prescription monitoring program assists healthcare providers to safely write controlled substance prescriptions, which promotes patient safety for the citizens of Kansas. The prescription monitoring program is a very valuable tool in public protection for prescribers, which includes advanced practice registered nurses. Checking the prescription monitoring program before prescribing assists the prescriber in avoiding dangerous medication combinations and identifying any prescribing patterns of concern.

KSBN has financially supported the prescription monitoring program by transferring funds from the KSBN fee fund since the grant funding for maintenance of this program ended in 2016. K.S.A. 65-1684 prohibits imposing any charge for the establishment or maintenance of the prescription monitoring program on a prescriber. KSBN's revenue is mostly from licensure fees from our licensees, which includes advanced practice registered nurses who are prescribers. KSBN has always supported finding other funds to assist in permanently funding the prescription monitoring program. HB 2558 provides an avenue to bring in some revenue for the Board of Pharmacy to be used in the maintenance of the prescription monitoring program. KSBN supports HB 2558 and encourages passage of the bill.

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