

Proponent Testimony on HB 2721

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Passage of HB 2721 will benefit the state of Kansas in numerous ways including:

1. It will make Kansas more competitive with surrounding states when it comes to the sale of over the counter medications. It will provide an incentive for Kansas consumers who may presently buy over the counter medications in neighboring states to remain in Kansas to make those purchases.
2. Many doctors presently refer patients to use over the counter medications to address medical issues that do not require prescription medications. If our goal is to help Kansans live healthier lives, which in turn reduces health care costs in Kansas then we should
3. It will help Kansas residents who may not be able to afford prescription medications. Many lower income Kansans have to rely on over the counter medications to help address their health needs.
4. It should not significantly decrease state revenues as consumers who save money on over the counter medications will most likely spend those savings on goods and services that are subject to state sales taxes.

In summary, passage of HB 2721 would make over the counter medications more affordable for all Kansans and it would make Kansas pharmacies and grocery stores more competitive with surrounding states.