



To: House Committee on Appropriations

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Subject: HB 2418; Abolishing the study commission for the consolidation of Kansas City, Kansas, and Wyandotte county, consolidation commission of Topeka, Kansas, and Shawnee county, study commission for the consolidation in Greeley county, podiatry review committee, state board of healing arts review committee for each branch of the healing arts...

Opponent Testimony

Chairman Waymaster and other members of this committee I appreciate the opportunity to present opposition testimony on HB 2418.

HB 2418 would abolish several state programs, boards, and commissions. While the Kansas Chiropractic Association does not present an opinion on the majority of HB 2418, we are very concerned with Sec. 5 of this bill.

Sec. 5 of HB 2418 would abolish all Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (KSBHA) Review Committees. These review committees are in integral part of the licensing and disciplinary process used by the KSBHA, where every complaint is investigated.

The Chiropractic Review Committee consists of 3 Doctors of Chiropractic who are not members of the KSBHA. They meet 4 times per year to review complaints that have been submitted to the KSBHA. The purpose of this review is to determine whether or not the standard of care has been met in a complaint. At this point, the review committee can recommend that the complaint be dismissed or forwarded to the KSBHA Disciplinary Panel.

The review committee level is important to the process because it is the level where peer review occurs. This is vitally important for complaints against medical specialties. This peer review is vital to ensuring the KSBHA's mission of protecting the public.

Abolishing KSBHA review committees would not save any work from the process. It would just shift the burden of the work from the review committees to the disciplinary panel.

Additionally, as a fee-funded agency, the KSBHA does not use any state general funds to administer the review committees. As such, Sec. 5 of HB 2418 would not save the state any money.

We ask the House Committee on Appropriations to remove all references to Kansas Board of Healing Arts, its review committees, and its advisory councils from HB 2418 by deleting Sec. 5.

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