



Statement of the Kansas Medical Society on HB 2418
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The Kansas Medical Society is opposed to the provisions in HB 2418 which abolishes the professional practices review committees which assist the Healing Art Board in its regulatory functions. We have no position on the balance of the provisions of the bill.

The various review committees which assist the Board in its regulatory functions are an important tool which enables the Board to incorporate the knowledge and experience of currently practicing clinicians in the determinations of whether the standard of care has been met by clinicians when there has been an inquiry of complaint filed. This process is an extremely helpful, and efficient, means to provide a fair and relevant review of practices, competencies and standards of care. The Board is entirely funded through licensure fees paid by licensed practitioners, so the costs associated with the review committees represent no drain on the state general fund in any way. Abolishing these review committees will slow investigations, and most likely require the Board to contract (at much higher cost) with outside clinicians to help establish standard of care determinations on an case by case basis.

For the above reasons, we urge the Committee to remove the provisions affecting the Board's review committees from this legislation. Thank you.