



To: Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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Subject: SB 555 - AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to medical cannabis; creating the medical cannabis pilot program act...

Neutral Testimony

Chairman Thompson and other members of this committee, I appreciate the opportunity to present proponent testimony on SB 555.

The Kansas Chiropractic Association represents over 1,200 Doctors of Chiropractic in Kansas and their patients.

Degrees are awarded to Doctors of Chiropractic by several Colleges and Universities in the United States and around the world that are subject to a rigorous accreditation process by both the Council on Chiropractic Education and the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Doctors of Chiropractic in the State of Kansas are licensed as Practitioners of the Healing Arts alongside Doctors of Medicine and Doctors of Osteopathy. Doctors of Chiropractic are trained and licensed to “diagnose and treat the human condition and all of its diseases.” The only restrictions on our practice are the prescription of medication, and the performance of surgery or obstetrics.

Medical cannabis is not included in the definition of prescription medication. SB 555 specifically refers to a “recommendation” and not a “prescription.”

The Doctor of Chiropractic has a years-long track record of safely recommending and dispensing other cannabis-based products such as CBD topicals, herbal supplements, tinctures, and oils.

Doctors of Chiropractic have also safely recommended dietary supplements from other natural sources, which—like cannabis—are not medicine, to Kansans for over a century.

SB 555, as written, excludes Doctors of Chiropractic from the recommendation of medical cannabis. We are asking for Doctors of Chiropractic to be included as a



qualified professional allowed to recommend the use of medical cannabis by making the following changes:

Change New section 2 (p) from "'Physician" means an individual licensed to practice medicine and surgery in this state' to "'healthcare provider" means a licensee of the healing arts as defined by K.S.A. 65-2802(d), and amendments thereto.'

Throughout the bill, replace all instances of "physician" with "healthcare provider."

We ask that the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs amend the language of SB 555 to include all Doctors of Chiropractic. We would support the passage of SB 555 with these changes.

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