

Public Health & Welfare  
Proponent Testimony -- SB 391  
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Chairman Gossage, Vice-Chair Erickson, Ranking Minority Pettey, and  
Esteemed Members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee,

Thank you for your work in the Kansas Senate. Today, I write in support of SB 391 which would clean up the Chapter 65 public health statues. The common phrase of this bill has been changed to “recommend” instead of “require,” and this is fitting for several reasons. Most importantly, however, we citizens should be allowed to know our own minds and be able to make decisions best for caring for our family members.

We know that quarantines for well people are detrimental to their mental health, and we know that when we are sick, we stay home and drink plenty of water and rest. We pump up our vitamins and eat bone broth veggie soups to fuel well as we recover. There’s no need to have a health officer demand a sheriff remove me or my minor child from my home if we refuse to quarantine or test or receive a vaccine. Informed consent isn’t common enough, but is necessary for a healthcare provider to maintain their Hippocratic oath.

Additionally, currently, in 65-129b, the sheriff’s search and seizure violates the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment, and needs to be repealed. Chances are, many Sheriff Departments wouldn’t require an enforcement of a mandate requiring them violate their oath to uphold and defend the Constitution. In a time we are dealing with families separated at the border, do we really want to traumatize our own children by removing them from their home because their parents made a health decision that was best for their family?

Have you heard of the methyl-tetra-hydra-folate-reductase gene mutation? The shorthand for this mutation is MTHFR, and 1/3 have one component, and 1/10 have both components. When you have this mutation, you are unable to detox when you encounter toxins of many kinds. Specifically, if a health officer tries to require ALL people receive a vaccine, the health risks for those with MTHFR can be fatal. This bill does much more than stop overreach on one’s front porch, and it’s imperative that we stand for our citizens of Kansas to have liberty.

Thank you for your efforts, and I respectfully request you support SB 391!

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