



To: Senate Committee on Public Health & Welfare, Senator Richard Hilderbrand

From: Laura Rues, ND, President of the Kansas Naturopathic Doctors Association

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Subject: SB275/SB539, Permitting naturopathic doctors to engage in the corporate practice of medicine

Position: Support

Naturopathic Doctors are licensed medical professionals that practice in the state of Kansas under the state Board of Healing Arts. Omission from the corporate practice of medicine (K.S.A. 17-2710) is an oversight with original licensure. The current statutes exclude naturopathic doctors from combining with other licensed professionals

The Naturopathic Doctor Licensure Act (KSA 65-7201 to KSA 65-7219), outlines a physician-naturopathic doctor relationship, including an option for a “written protocol” with a medical or osteopathic doctor. Clearly, the intent of this bill indicated the goal for collaboration of NDs with other medical professions.

We ask you to support this statute as it clarifies the working relationship that licensed naturopathic doctors, and our professional colleagues —licensed acupuncturists—can work collaboratively with other Kansas licensed medical providers.