



**To:** House Committee on Health & Human Services  
**From:** Travis Lowe, CAE  
Kansas Dental Hygienists' Association  
**Date:** March 15, 2023  
**Re:** Informational Remarks on HB 2453

Madam Chairwoman and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer informational remarks for HB 2453, a proposal to create a multi-state compact for dental hygienists and dentists. I am Travis Lowe, appearing on behalf of the Kansas Dental Hygienists' Association (KDHA).

The Kansas Dental Hygienists' Association represents over 2,300 of the state's actively practicing registered dental hygienists. KDHA works to advance the art and science of dental hygiene by ensuring access to quality oral health care, increasing awareness of the cost-effective benefits of prevention, promoting the highest standards of dental hygiene education, licensure, practice and research, and representing and promoting the interests of dental hygienists.

Through the American Dental Hygienists' Association, KDHA has closely followed the work to create the dentist and dental hygienist compact with the industry's partner organizations. As the committee is aware, multi-state compacts are becoming more common to make it easier to join the local workforce, similar to our revised licensure reciprocity laws.

KDHA appreciates the introduction of HB 2453, which would allow Kansas the opportunity to join the compact as a participating state. KDHA understands the hour of the session is late but appreciates the opportunity to bring awareness of the compact to the committee.

KDHA stands ready to collaborate with stakeholders, including the Kansas Dental Association, Kansas Dental Board and Association of Dental Support Organizations, to ensure the legislation helps address the oral health needs of the state and provide an opportunity for registered dental hygienists to serve Kansans.

On behalf of KDHA, we appreciate the opportunity to bring HB 2453 to your attention and look forward to our discussion next session.

Respectfully,  
Travis Lowe