



Testimony for House Bill 2055

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

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Chairwoman Schmidt and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dr. Jody Reel, and I am a Kansas pharmacy owner and Chair of Government Affairs /Board Director for the Kansas Pharmacists Association. The Kansas Pharmacists Association is the statewide professional association in Kansas that represents Kansas pharmacists from all practice settings. Thank you for allowing me to testify on behalf of the KPhA on House Bill 2055--Pharmacy Act. The language for this bill has been crafted and refined over the past few years in response to changes made in the Federal Pharmacy Laws. The practice of pharmacy has vastly changed in the past 10 years, due to the increased accessibility and tracking via the internet, improved methods of delivery from out-of-state vendors, and enhanced technology. HB 2055 updates the Kansas Pharmacy Practice Act to reflect the changing landscape of the practice of pharmacy.

Pharmacy readily adopts technology: computers, automation, and software systems for dispensing, tracking sales, and clinical medication management. The technology provides the ability to track drugs, making the supply chain safer for patients. The Federal Drug Supply Chain Security Act, which is referenced in HB 2055, provides tracking requirements to ensure the integrity of the drug supply from the manufacturer to the patient. Additionally, pharmacies are using automation to improve the safety of medication dispensing. HB 2055 provides the Board of Pharmacy the authority to oversee and regulate such advancements in our profession.

While these changes promote efficiency and improved care, they have also created issues for our state regulatory boards nationwide. States are having to regulate an increasingly global system: out-of-state entities conducting business inside Kansas, both with other entities and patients, has created issues, which have been seen nationwide. These updates to the Pharmacy Practice Act provide the necessary oversight to ensure the safety of our patients in the State of Kansas.

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