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Chairperson and Honorable Committee Members:

I am Tucker Poling, Interim Executive Director and General Counsel for the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (“Board”). Our agency submits this written neutral testimony in regard to SB277 to assist the committee.

SB277 will exempt healing arts school clinics from the prohibition against a non-professional business entity (general corporation, etc.) engaging in the practice of the healing arts. As background, Kansas law generally requires that only professional business entities (professional corporation, etc.), may engage in the practice of the healing arts. This bill updates K.S.A. 65-2877a to maintain the status quo with respect to the existing clinical activity of Cleveland University, and also extends the statute to allow for offsite clinics owned or operated by the school in partnership with other providers.

This past summer, Dr. Cleveland and other representatives of Cleveland University met with the full Board of Healing to inform the board of the intent of this bill and provide board members the opportunity to ask questions and express any concerns. The board appreciated this opportunity for notice and input. The board did not identify significant concerns with this bill and does not object to the bill.

The board does not believe the bill will significantly impact the duties and functions of the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts. The board takes no position on this bill. The question of the scope of K.S.A. 65-2877a is appropriately left to the sound judgment and discretion of the legislature. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,


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