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## Testimony before the House Committee on Judiciary re: SB14

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Chairman Patton and Honorable Committee Members,

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (“Board”) submits this testimony to assist legislators in evaluating HB2048, which extends certain provisions that were included in HB2016. The Board is composed of 15 members, 12 of whom are licensed Kansas healthcare providers. I am Tucker Poling, Acting Executive Director of the Board. The Board licenses and regulates more than 32,000 Kansas healthcare providers in 16 different healthcare professions.

The Committee has received my written testimony and heard my oral testimony on the substantially similar House bill, HB2048. In respect for members’ time, I will not repeat that testimony here other than by general reference. The Board respectfully suggests the Committee make the same amendment to this bill regarding professional licensing and regulation as it did to HB2048. Most specifically, deleting subsection (h) of section 9 of SB 14 and making the same adjustments to the language dealing with issuing temporary emergency licenses.

I also wish to clarify again that the Board’s concern is ensuring that there is a mechanism by which the Board (or applicable healthcare licensing agency) has jurisdiction over out of state providers who are permitted to practice in Kansas to ensure accountability for following Kansas laws. Our position on this issue should not be misconstrued as opposing licensure for any particular healthcare profession. The question of which professions should be recognized as licensed professions under Kansas law is not in controversy in this bill. **The Board’s goals in requesting this amendment (or another amendment that achieves the same substantive goal) are simple and, we believe, unimpeachable:** (1) all healthcare providers lawfully permitted to practice in Kansas should follow the same rules Kansas healthcare providers must follow; (2) the state of Kansas should have the ability to prevent providers from practicing in Kansas (or remove them from practicing in Kansas) if they are found to have committed serious professional misconduct or found to be a threat to patient safety.

Thank you for considering this testimony. I welcome any comments, questions, or further dialogue with members of the committee. Please feel free to contact me on my cell (785-760-0686) at any time or via email at [tucker.poling@ks.gov](mailto:tucker.poling@ks.gov) .

Sincerely,

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