



To: Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

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Subject: SB 290; Increasing healthcare stabilization fund minimum professional liability insurance coverage requirements, changing the membership of the board of governors of such fund and adding options and increasing time for service of process thereon

Proponent Testimony

Chairman Longbine and other members of this committee I write today with proponent testimony of SB 290.

SB 290 will address the current uncertainty in the Kansas professional liability market. The Kansas Healthcare Stabilization Fund is integral to maintaining affordable malpractice insurance for Kansas healthcare providers. This is turn allows for lower healthcare costs for Kansans.

SB 290 will increase the minimum coverage limit from the current \$300,000 to \$1 million as well as providing an opportunity for the Kansas Supreme Court to address conflict between the Miller ruling (2012), the Hillburn ruling (2019), and the press release from the court following the Hillburn ruling.

The Kansas Chiropractic Association asks you to consider SB 290. While we support and hope for the continued existence of the Healthcare Stabilization Fund, we understand the realities of our current situation and hope that SB 290 will strengthen the fund's position for the future.

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