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Thank you Chairman Tarwater and committee. HB 2818 may be familiar to you because this is the amendment presented in committee previously. I introduced HB 2818 language on behalf of UnitedWE, who champions issues like eliminating barriers for women in the workplace. I appreciate both the Chairman and Chairman Carpenter for giving this bill a hearing and one where we can have a conversation.

This legislation establishes a route of due process for the consideration of new occupational licensing. This new process allows for more information to be gathered by corresponding agencies for the legislature to consider. The intent of this bill is to allow individuals to not have the government implement more barriers to access to the workforce without reasonable need to regulate.

This new process allows for the Legislature to have more information to consider when considering bills concerning occupational licensing. More information from agencies and shareholders will give the Legislature more information on the greater impact of new licensing and regulation.

Overall, this bill establishes a new process that I believe will bring transparency and facts. It will help both the Legislature and Kansans protect themselves from unintended consequences of new licensing and regulations.