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Thank you, I am looking forward to working with you this session.

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BILL #: 2825

Date of Testimony: 3/18/2024

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TO: House Insurance Committee

FROM: Sandra Dickerson, CEO of Greenwood County Hospital

DATE: March 18, 2024

RE: HB 2825 Opponent Testimony

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Insurance Committee,

I am Sandra Dickerson, the CEO of Greenwood County Hospital in Eureka.

I would like to share information on how HB 2825 will impact my hospital, as well as other hospitals across the State of Kansas. My hospital is already required to comply with federal regulations for pricing transparency. We are required to have a pricing tool on our website, it must be easy to use, and must be easily accessible to the patient.

As a small hospital, we lack the staff skilled in writing and maintaining this type of tool. Therefore, we pay for this service. Our initial setup exceeded \$10,000, and our fee for the programming and maintenance is also several thousand dollars annually. There were no federal dollars allocated for the implementation of this unfunded mandate initially, and now the state wants to add their own fines for something that was an unfunded mandate in the first place.

Hospitals, like the one I run, are already struggling financially, and adding additional requirements for pricing transparency would only increase the financial burden. Additionally, there is already legislation in place to address the issue at the federal level and this legislation would be redundant and is attempting to fix an issue that has already been addressed.

I would urge the committee not to recommend HB 2825 as it is more government where it's not needed, it's not going to help consumers more than what's already out there, and it only stands to jeopardize those already struggling small rural hospitals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.