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To: House Federal and State Affairs Committee
Representative Will Carpenter, Chair

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Subject: HB2358

Position: **Proponent (Written)**

The Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) provides this written testimony in support of HB2358 that relates to the uniform vital statistics act; medical certification of an individual's cause of death; permitting mid-level practitioners to provide certification of death. Advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) in the roles of nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialist and nurse midwife meet the definition of mid-level practitioner in K.S.A. 65-1626.

HB2358, if passed, would allow an APRN, in the roles listed above, to meet the definition of cause of death certifier. The amendment offered for the bill states a cause of death certifier who makes a certification of a cause of death in good faith is immune from civil liability for such certification.

APRNs possess the knowledge and competency to make a certification or a cause of death. HB2358, if passed, would assist facilities that have APRNs more readily available than physicians to certify the cause of death. The Kansas State Board of Nursing supports this bill with the amendment offered and encourages passage of the bill out of committee.