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Testimony by Jason Tiller with the Saline County Health Department (SCHD) to  
House Committee on Health and Human Services  
Written-Only Proponent for HB 2390 • February 15, 2023

Chair Landwehr and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in writing in support of HB 2390, a bill to establish an overdose fatality review board and excluding tests to detect the presence of fentanyl, ketamine, or gamma hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) in a substance from the definition of drug paraphernalia. SCHD serves over 55,000 residents in Saline County and Central Kansas with the mission to “build a healthy and equitable future for families and communities”.

We play a critical role in responding to the opioid epidemic and part of that role is supporting various harm reduction activities. We view HB 2390 as a piece of legislation that can help reduce harm, specifically via Section 4 which adds any materials used or intended for use to test a substance for the presence of fentanyl or a fentanyl analog to the list of items that are not considered drug paraphernalia. Fentanyl test strips are noted by the CDC as a harm reduction strategy<sup>1</sup> and legalizing their use offers a low-cost way to help prevent drug overdoses. This additionally offers an opportunity to protect our first responders with the ability to quickly identify fentanyl and help prevent unintentional overdoses. Legalizing these tests could further reduce incidence of date rape by providing a method for people to detect ketamine and GHB.

Legalizing the ability to test for dangerous drugs offers a lot of positives for the residents of Kansas. As such, Saline County Health Department supports HB 2390 and asks the committee to recommend it for passage.

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