



To: Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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Subject: SB 135 - Creating the medical cannabis regulation act to regulate the cultivation, processing, distribution, sale and use of medical cannabis.

Proponent Testimony

Chairman Thompson and other members of this committee I appreciate the opportunity to present proponent testimony on SB 135.

The Kansas Chiropractic Association represents over 1,200 Doctors of Chiropractic in Kansas and their patients.

Degrees are awarded to Doctors of Chiropractic by a number of Colleges and Universities in the United States and around the world that are subject to a rigorous accreditation process by both the Council on Chiropractic Education and the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Doctors of Chiropractic in the State of Kansas are licensed as Practitioners of the Healing Arts alongside Doctors of Medicine and Doctors of Osteopathy. Doctors of Chiropractic are able to “diagnose and treat the human condition and all of its diseases.” The only restrictions on our practice are the prescription of medication, and the performance of surgery or obstetrics.

The Doctor of Chiropractic has a years-long track record of safely recommending and dispensing other cannabis-based products such as CBD topicals, herbal supplements, tinctures and oils.

Doctors of Chiropractic have also safely recommended dietary supplements from other natural sources, which—like cannabis—are not prescription medications, to Kansans for over a century.

SB 135 as written specifically excludes Doctors of Chiropractic from the recommendation of medical cannabis. We are asking for Doctors of Chiropractic to be included as a qualified professional allowed to recommend the use of medical cannabis by making the following changes:

In section 2, provide a definition of “healthcare provider” to mean licensee of the healing arts as defined by K.S.A. 65-2802(d), and amendments thereto.

Throughout the bill, replace all instances of physician with healthcare provider.



We ask that the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs amend the language of SB 135 to include all Doctors of Chiropractic. We would support passage of SB 135 with these changes.

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