



**Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance
Proponent Written Only Testimony on Senate Bill 553
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Mister Chair and members of the committee, my name is William Wilk, Senior Director of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber. The Kansas Chamber represents small, medium, and large-sized businesses across the state advocating for policies to improve the economic climate in Kansas. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to submit proponent testimony on Senate Bill 553, a bill authorizing electronic delivery of plan documents and identification cards for certain insured individuals covered under a health benefit plan.

This bill would allow a fully insured employer to opt into electronic insurance communications on behalf of their covered employees. The bill would provide consent from the employee receiving such communications electronically. If an employee would prefer not to receive electronic communications, they can opt out and still receive communications through traditional mail. This is not a mandate, simply an option.

If an employer were to choose this option it would help lower administrative overhead, streamline the communications process, and meet insured members where they are most comfortable for communications if an employer were to take advantage of this option.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 553, and I am happy to answer any questions you might have at the appropriate time.