



House Committee on Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development
Proponent Testimony on House Bill 2392
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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 House Bill 2392, a bill concerning nursing workforce development.

House Bill 2392 is crucial to address the growing demand for skilled workers in long-term care homes along with addressing the workforce shortage for nurses. This bill deals with managing educational standards for nurse instructors.

The workforce shortage continues to be a top concern of the business community. The workforce shortage is affecting all areas of business and in healthcare professions. In 2022 the Kansas Department of Labor conducted an Occupational Outlook report. In that report, it showed by 2026 the state of Kansas will need more than 28,000 nursing assistants, 18,000 registered nurses, and 6,000 home health aides. House Bill 2392 is a step in the right direction on the education side to address the critical shortage of nurses in Kansas.

In closing, this legislation is a necessary step to increase the access of nurses in the workforce. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support to House Bill 2392, and I am happy to answer any questions you might have at the appropriate time.