

Re: Testimony in support of HB 2223
Written testimony only
Blake Benson



March 6, 2025

The Honorable Will Carpenter, Chair
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Room: 352-S
300 SW 10th Street
Topeka KS 66612

Dear Chair Carpenter and members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services:

On behalf of the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce and our 500+ member businesses, representing over 10,000 employees throughout Southeast Kansas, please allow me to voice our support for HB 2223. This bill would allow our Pittsburg area optometrists to practice a number of procedures for which they are trained, but not allowed to practice under current Kansas law even though these procedures are allowed in neighboring states like Oklahoma.

This bill would not only help our local optometrists remain competitive with their counterparts in other states, but would also ensure that Kansas residents can receive care at home with their trusted doctors.

I appreciate the opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB 2223, as it will be important to our state's residents and optometrists. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blake Benson".

Blake Benson
President, Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce