



**PROPONENT Testimony on HB 2163
For the House Taxation Committee
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Chair Smith and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide WRITTEN-ONLY PROPONENT testimony in support of House Bill 2163, including one amendment request.

Kansas' Independent Colleges:

KICA represents the twenty-one independent colleges of Kansas, all of which are accredited not-for-profit institutions of higher education.

Support for HB 2163:

KICA wholeheartedly supports the intent of HB 2163. A challenge that is particularly acute for healthcare related programs is the difficulty in finding enough motivated and adequately trained preceptors – licensed providers who take a student under supervision to get hands-on training. In order to increase the number of healthcare workers we can educate we will need tools to get those students more and better hands-on training in real-world environments under the helpful guidance of those in the field.

To quote the dean of a nursing program at a particularly rural KICA institution: *"The workload of nurses is staggering and this would bring them a much-needed and deserved incentive to take the time to assist in the training of the next generation of nurses. I pray this initiative leads to greater participation and ultimately strengthens the clinical training opportunities available to nursing students."*

We are grateful that the sponsor of HB 2163 included language to specifically include those students who attend an accredited non-profit college in Kansas in Section 1(f)(2) of the bill.

One Requested Change:

On page 2, lines 2 and 3, it says the "preceptor did not receive payment during such tax year from any source for the training of any student or students." We are concerned this would be a problem for those nurses that also serve as adjunct faculty in the other semester, since academic years run July 1 to June 30 and tax years run January 1 to December 31. Thus, individuals would not be able to serve as a preceptor in the spring and then an adjunct instructor in the classroom in the fall semester.

If possible, we recommend amending these lines to say: **"preceptor did not receive payment during such tax year from any source for performance of such preceptor duties for any student or students."**

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your deliberation. If the committee has further questions, I am happy to follow up.