

Testimony in Support of HB 2562

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2562. My name is Harold Swedlund, and I am Vice-President of M-C Industries / Sunflower Marketing and a volunteer for the American Heart Association. As a lay person I am more than willing to come to the aide of anyone in distress but have always wondered what sort of legal jeopardy I might expose myself to. I have taken CPR training but have not had any formal first aide training and the current law appears to not provide protection to those who would come to the aide of someone suffering from cardiac arrest.

While I would still be willing to render aide, I can't help but be concerned that many others who would like to offer assistance would hesitate to do so for legal repercussions. I believe that HB 2562 will encourage Kansan's to render aide in emergency situations without the fear of legal repercussions.

I appreciate your time.

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