



Testimony to the
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
House Bill 2740
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Chair Barker, Vice Chair Arnberger, Ranking Member Ruiz and Members of the Federal and State Affairs Committee.

BHCMC, LLC is the Manager of the Boot Hill Casino and Resort located in Dodge City, Kansas (“Boot Hill”).

We all understand that Kansans want to be able to engage in legal sports wagering within the boundaries of our great state of Kansas, our home. Therefore, Boot Hill is and have been proponents of amending the Kansas law to allow Kansans to engage in sports wagering for many years.

We are hopeful that 2022 will be the year that we can make this a reality. Despite our desire and the desire of many others to see a simple and productive sports wagering bill be enacted by the Legislature. There have been past disagreements between the casinos, the administration, and others wanting to engage in expanded gaming business in addition to sports wagering in Kansas that have prevented a bill from being passed.

We understand the desire that a legal sports wagering bill be enacted by the Kansas Legislature. This is the reason that we have negotiated in good faith with Chairman Barker, other legislators, the administration, and key stakeholders to work toward arriving at a workable solution.

We will continue these efforts as the process moves forward. With that said, we still have concerns about several provisions in the bill that we believe affect the viability of sports betting in Kansas and other aspects of the HB 2740, but we are committed to continuing to work with you to find mutually agreeable solutions. In conclusion, Boot Hill supports the concepts of HB 2740 to the extent that the provisions as enacted do not violate the terms of our management contract with the state, and we reserve all rights with respect to our management contract provisions.

Thank you for considering our testimony on this important legislation. We hope that sports wagering in Kansas becomes a reality.