

STATE OF KANSAS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE CAPITOL, 149-S
300 S.W. TENTH AVENUE
TOPEKA, KS 66612
(785) 296-7357
pat.proctor@house.ks.gov



DISTRICT OFFICE
624 KICKAPOO STREET
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS 66048
(913) 250-5553
pat@patproctor4ks.com

PAT PROCTOR

41ST DISTRICT

LEAVENWORTH, FORT LEAVENWORTH & KICKAPOO

January 30, 2024

Chairman Bill Sutton
Chair, House Committee on Insurance

Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for allowing me to appear in strong support of HB2478, which would give accredited maternity centers access to the Healthcare Stabilization Fund.

This measure passed out of this committee last year as HB2325. The bill was supported by the Director of the Healthcare Stabilization Fund and passed the House unanimously. But, in the Senate Health Committee, a second measure was added concerning abortion clinics and the governor vetoed the bill. The Senate was unable to override the veto.

I have filed this bill with the same language that was in HB2325 when it passed our committee and the House last year, without the abortion clinic provisions.

This bill is desperately needed to increase the number of maternity centers in our state. As healthcare and hospitals have consolidated in fewer locations across the state, fewer and fewer communities have the capability to deliver babies. Maternity centers are a low-cost alternative for low-risk pregnancies and passing this bill will make it cost effective to open these centers in more and smaller communities in Kansas.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Proctor".

Pat Proctor, PhD.
Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired
State Representative
Kansas House District #41
Leavenworth, Fort Leavenworth, and Kickapoo