

Sen. Mike Thompson, Chair

Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

SB-135

Proponent Testimony

Randall Hardy, Speaker for the Kansas Silver-Haired Legislature

#### SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION urging the Legislature of the State of Kansas to legalize the expanded medical use of cannabis.

WHEREAS, In 2018, Senate Bill No. 282 was signed into law, which legalized the production, sale, possession and use of the substance cannabidiol and cannabidiol products that contain 0% tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive ingredient in cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Cannabidiol has been shown through research to be an effective treatment for certain seizure conditions, especially in children; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, the United States Food and Drug Administration took the historic step of approving a cannabis-based medicine for the first time, but the Administration has expressed no interest in broadly rescheduling cannabis from a Schedule I substance or descheduling cannabis entirely; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-seven states and the District of Columbia, including three states that border Kansas, have legalized the medical use of cannabis under various circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Kansas parents have relocated their families to other states, where medical cannabis treatment options are legal and available, to improve the quality of life of their children, especially those suffering from seizure conditions; and

WHEREAS, Medical cannabis, especially applications that include tetrahydrocannabinol, has been reported to improve care for patients with: Chronic pain conditions, including pain associated with multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, fibromyalgia, and endometriosis; nausea resulting from various conditions; post-traumatic stress disorder, especially in military veterans; HIV-caused pain and wasting; and other medical conditions: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Silver Haired Legislature of the State of Kansas:* That we urge the Legislature of the State of Kansas to legalize the expanded medical use of cannabis.