



To: Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

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Subject: SB 131 - Providing an exemption from licensure requirements for certain out-of-state physicians practicing on a limited basis in the state.

Proponent Testimony

Chairwoman Gossage and other members of this committee, I appreciate the opportunity to present proponent testimony on SB 131.

The Kansas Chiropractic Association represents over 1,200 Doctors of Chiropractic in Kansas and their patients. Degrees are awarded to Doctors of Chiropractic by a number of Colleges and Universities in the United States and around the world are subject to a rigorous accreditation process by the Council on Chiropractic Education and the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Doctors of Chiropractic in the State of Kansas are licensed as Practitioners of the Healing Arts alongside Doctors of Medicine and Doctors of Osteopathy. Doctors of Chiropractic are able to “diagnose and treat the human condition and all of its diseases.” The only restrictions on our practice are the prescription of medication, and the performance of surgery or obstetrics.

SB 131, as written, would allow physicians licensed in other states to provide medical care to team members and staff traveling with a team for events happening within Kansas. We are asking for Doctors of Chiropractic to be included in SB 131. Doctors of Chiropractic currently work and travel with several professional and collegiate-level sports teams and are an integral part of their care teams.

We ask that the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee amend the language of SB 131 to include all Doctors of Chiropractic. We would support the passage of SB 131.

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