

**Written Testimony to Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee  
Chair, Senator Beverly Gossage**

**Hearing: Monday, March 18, 2024, 8:30 AM, Room 142-S**

**Position: SUPPORT HB 2484**

**Enacting the social work licensure compact to provide interstate practice privileges for social workers.**

Chair Gossage and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for holding this hearing to discuss HB 2484. Please support HB 2484 and create the social work licensure compact to provide interstate practice privileges for social workers.

I am a social worker in the Kansas City Metro. The Kansas/Missouri stateline is within 12 blocks of my home. Actually, I consider the entire KC Metro my community. Currently, if I want to work in both states, it is a multi-step and lengthy process of getting a social work license from an additional state board.

With the passage of this bill, the following barriers would be removed:

- Application to another state.
- Paying fees to another state.
- Fulfilling that state's unique requirements (could be additional CEUs, specific classes etc)
- Disruption of services if the clients move across state lines.
- Waiting for application to be approved which would cause
  - Interruption of services to clients
  - Delay in working

Therefore services and work would be continuous and would greatly benefit clients.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and hope you will consider passing HB 2484,

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