



Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Proponent Written Only Testimony to Senate Bill 461
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Madam Chair and members of the committee, my name is William Wilk, Senior Director of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to submit proponent testimony to Senate Bill 461, an act concerning the practice of laser hair removal.

Under our current physician regulation statutes regarding light-based medical treatment, KAR 100-27-1, requires onsite presence when delegating the use of laser treatment. This applies to **all** laser treatments.

SB461 would enable a physician to continue to be involved in the treatment but do so by creating a protocol being available in interactive communication versus being physically present in the room like they must under current regulations.

The only individuals who would be able to provide this method of treatment are a physician, physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, a professional nurse, or a practical nurse. All of whom are certified by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts.

This bill opens the scope of practice of laser treatments to individuals who are professionally trained and certified in practices of healthcare.

The Kansas Chamber will continue to support legislation that deregulates and opens access of healthcare to Kansans while not sacrificing the safety of patients.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on Senate Bill 461, and I am happy to answer any questions at the appropriate time.