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TO: House Committee on State and Federal Affairs
FROM: Chad Austin, Senior Vice President Government Relations
RE: House Bill 2055 – Concealed Carry
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The Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 2055 concerning the personal and family protection act.

KHA supports the provision in HB 2055 which permits state or municipal-owned medical care facilities to decide if they want to allow concealed carry weapons in their buildings. Last year, when a similar bill was introduced, KHA proposed an amendment to allow medical care facilities the ability to make their own decisions regarding whether to permit concealed carry weapons. We offered this amendment to accommodate the various needs of our member hospitals; some wish to allow concealed carry on their campuses while others want the ability to decide if concealed carry is right for them. This “local control” provision is contained in House Bill 2055, new section 1(g) and we strongly urge the committee to keep this language as written.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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