

Health and Human Services Committee
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Testimony in Support of House Bill 2067
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Good Afternoon Chairman Crum and members of the Health and Human Service Committee. My name is Mary Blubaugh, Executive Administrator for the Kansas State Board of Nursing. I am here to provide testimony in support of HB 2067.

During the legislative session in 2007, KSBN was given the appropriation authority to hire an additional Assistant Attorney General. Since July 2007 KSBN has had two Assistant Attorney General Positions. In December 2011, one of the AAG's resigned and during the hiring process, the Attorney General's office interpreted the current statute that only one AAG could be employed by the agency. KSBN was notified on March 9th of the decision made by the Attorney General's office. On March 28, 2012 a bill was introduced to change the language. The bill was passed in the Appropriation Committee but was not worked on the House floor during the 2012 session.

KSBN currently has two attorneys appointed by the Attorney General. Their titles are Assistant Attorney General (AAG) and Special Assistant Attorney General (SAAG). The Attorney General's office allowed the hiring of the second attorney and made the appointment as SAAG until the statute was clarified.

The change in the language of 74-1111 will allow KSBN to employ more than one AAG. This will allow both attorneys to be titled Assistant Attorney General.

The board respectfully asks for favorable action on HB 2067. Thank you for your time and consideration and I will stand for questions.