

To: Senate Ways and Means Committee
Senator Carolyn McGinn

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Subject: HB 2331

Neutral testimony

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (KSBHA) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 161. The KSBHA presently licenses and regulates multiple health care professions. The mission of the KSBHA is to safeguard the public and strengthen the healing arts.

KSBHA is a special revenue fund agency. The entire budget is funded from fees paid by licensees who are regulated by the agency. The agency receives zero general fund money.

KSBHA currently receives and pays for services from OITS; such as: phone service, network connectivity, wireless access points, and email service (Office 365). Additionally, if needed, other services from OITS can be provided and invoiced separately.

The original HB 2331 centered only on IT security. IT security is critical and KSBHA supports statewide IT security.

The original HB 2359 creates the Kansas Information Technology Enterprise (KITE) and included various provisions including transfer of agency IT personnel and funding resources to KITE. Additionally, this bill provided for KITE determination for all aspects of IT and project prioritization.

The House Committee rolled HB 2359 into the original HB 2331. KSBHA is dedicated to public protection which includes appropriate IT security and is supportive of appropriate security measures. KSBHA desires to be good stewards of Licensee fees paid to the agency to ensure appropriate customer service and public protection. It would be appropriate to take steps to ensure a comprehensive workable business plan is in place that provides for enhanced efficiencies and agency savings prior to mandated sweeps or transfers of personnel and licensee fees.

KSBHA will be available to answer Committee questions.