



Testimony for House Bill 2280
House Committee on Health and Human Services
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Madame Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am Aaron Dunkel, Executive Director for the Kansas Pharmacists Association (KPhA). The Kansas Pharmacists Association is the statewide professional association representing Kansas pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and student pharmacists from all settings. I am here today to ask for your support for HB 2280.

House Bill 2280 covers several updates to the Kansas Board of Pharmacy and its powers, duties, and functions. While we support the bill in total, I only want to comment on a few specific bill sections today. In general, the bill makes changes that clarify current law, provides a few opportunities for pharmacies to provide services in ways that make sense, and remove inconveniences from the current system while still being fully protective of public health and safety.

KPhA appreciates the inclusion of Section 3 of the bill, defining telepharmacy in Kansas. KPhA has been engaged with the Board of Pharmacy for the last three years, providing feedback we gathered from our membership through our Telepharmacy Task Force. This Task Force identified concerns related to telepharmacy from our members' perspectives and recommended criteria that would help provide an environment in which telepharmacy could function as a positive addition to the current pharmacy eco-system in Kansas. Our Task Force included representatives from various practice settings in Kansas, and their work product is represented well in the language before you today.

KPhA also appreciates the inclusion of recommended amendments to current law would allow the Board broader latitude when dealing with licensees that find themselves in conflict with the Board. We are always supportive of the Board's ability to use progressive discipline when working with licensees.

Also, we fully support changes in the bill that would allow pharmacy technicians to receive orders for the continuation of therapy from a prescriber. This change will enable pharmacies to use their staff in their daily workload better.

KPhA is glad to be here today in support of HB 2280. Thank you, Madame Chair and Committee, for your consideration of HB 2280.