



To: Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee  
Senator Richard Hildebrand, Chair

From: Kansas Technical Colleges

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Senator Hildebrand and members of the committee. Thank you for considering the remarks of the Kansas Technical Colleges (KTC) regarding SB 453. KTC is a seven-college consortium promoting career and technical education in Kansas. We provide high-demand, high-skilled technical education to our students to meet the needs of Kansas business and industry.

KTC offers its full support of Senate Bill 453. Kansas health care facilities are suffering from critical staffing shortages and SB 453 is one way to help. SB 453 will increase the ability of our colleges to offer more education and training for Certified Nurse Aids (CNAs) by providing that Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) may teach the CNA curriculum under the general supervision of a Registered Nurse (RN). This additional authority will maintain a safe and effective program for CNAs while creating more capacity through a more efficient use of available RNs.

SB 453 also embraces the use of simulation for up to 50% of nurse aide clinical hours. The National Council State Board of Nurses (NCSBN) has demonstrated that nursing programs can safely and effectively use up to 50% of simulation in place of direct clinical experience.

Lastly, this bill provides that RNs with experience in caring for the elderly or chronically ill of any age may administer the skills demonstration portion of CNA competency evaluations regardless of the setting of their experience. This is a commonsense approach once again making full use of the experience and training of RNs.

The staffing shortage in Kansas healthcare cannot be overstated. SB 453 will allow our members to increase the number of CNA offerings without sacrificing safety and quality. Our members respectfully ask that you pass SB 453 favorably for the full Senate's consideration.