

Testimony for Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, Hearing on SB 531

Holly Krebs, March 15, 2022

I would like to express my support for Senate Bill 531, which would license massage therapists in Kansas.

My support is contingent on the exemptions in the bill, which would allow me to continue practicing my profession. I practice Structural Integration, a form of manual therapy that is different than massage therapy. Structural Integration and massage therapy are both hands-on therapies but with different training requirements. Therefore, the exemption for Structural Integration in this bill is necessary to guarantee that I am not required to have massage therapy training to continue legally practicing my trade in Kansas.

I also believe that it will be beneficial for Kansas massage therapists, as well as the State and our law enforcement, to have massage therapy licensed in Kansas. It will support the massage therapy industry; help guarantee that massage clients receive quality care; and prohibit human traffickers from using massage therapy as a guise for their criminal activities.

Thank you for your time,

Holly Krebs, Structural Integration Practitioner