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**2022 Special Committee on State Employee and Board Member Compensation  
Written Testimony on Board Member Compensation**

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Chairman Waymaster and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony regarding the Medical Advisory Board (MAB).

K.S.A. 8-255B provides the Secretary of Revenue may appoint a medical advisory board which shall be composed of five members and be attached to the Division of Vehicles. The members of the board shall include, but not limited to:

- A physician licensed to practice ophthalmology
- A licensed optometrist
- A licensed psychiatrist
- A licensed physician specializing in internal medicine

The MAB is created for the purpose of giving advisory opinions to the director of vehicles in the case of any person whose license to operate a motor vehicle has been suspended, revoked or reviewed by the director of vehicles and for good cause shown that the operation of a motor vehicle on a highway by such person would be inimical to public safety and welfare because of an existing or suspected mental or physical disability. Members of the MAB attending meetings shall be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223.

The Department of Revenue (KDOR) continues to be unsuccessful in attempts to recruit and maintain qualified members for the MAB. In 2022, KDOR mailed a MAB informational brochure to 328 primary care physician offices. The information was also emailed to all active Medical Doctors, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Occupation Therapists. The Board of Healing Arts assisted with the correspondence based on their contacts.

Currently there remains only one member of the MAB, and one application of a potential member. The MAB is an example of the current pay structure for board members being inadequate to attract qualified board members. As the Special Committee on State Employee and Board Member Compensation reviews board member compensation, we would request consideration be given to modifying the current rate.