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DATE: February 12, 2013
TO: House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Executive Director
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
RE: Neutral Testimony for HB 2188 – Open Records Act

The Kansas Board of Healing Arts (KSBHA) appreciates the opportunity to provide neutral testimony on HB 2188. The KSBHA presently licenses and regulates 14 health care professions. The mission of the KSBHA is to safeguard the public and strengthen the healing arts – public protection. Public protection encompasses several critical components, including ensuring the character and competence of an applicant before granting licensure and remediating or disciplining licensees who violate their practice act.

On February 5, 2012 the KSBHA received an email from Division of Budget saying that they were writing a fiscal note for HB 2188 and asking if our agency was purchasing goods and services from not-for-profit entities. The Board wanted to provide information for the fiscal note but could not. Accurate information could not be provided because not-for-profit vendors are not identified from for-profit vendors by our agency, by the Division of Procurement, or in the State's SMART accounting system.

Thank you.

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