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Good Afternoon Chairman Hawkins and members of the Health and Human Service Committee. I am Mary Blubaugh, Executive Administrator for the Kansas State Board of Nursing. I am here on behalf of the Board members to provide testimony in support of HB 2026.

The bill contains two changes. The first change is on page one. The Board is asking that a new fee of \$1,000 be established for reinstatement of a revoked license. The next requested change is the addition of section two on page two. This new proposed language will give the board authority to revoke a license for three years. This language was molded from the Board of Healing Arts and the Dental Board language. This language is a good tool as it will help prevent the continual cycle of license revocation and then immediate application for reinstatement. It will also provide a window of opportunity for a licensee to rehabilitate and gather proof to bring back to the agency for consideration upon reinstatement request. Additionally, it reinforces the serious nature of license revocation which should be used only in the most serious circumstance. The fee for reinstatement of a revoked license supports the seriousness of the revocation of a license and is intended to cover the agency cost of investigating and processing the request to return to practice.

The board respectfully asks for favorable action on HB 2026. Thank you for your time and consideration and I will stand for questions.