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**Proponent Testimony for SB 289 – Updating Risk Based Capital**

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Chairman Vickrey and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 289, which passed the Senate 40-0.

SB 289 proposes to amend K.S.A. 40-2c01, which concerns a standard regulatory tool referred to as risk-based capital (RBC). The goal of RBC is to ensure each Kansas domestic company has the required amount of capital needed to support its overall business operations in consideration of its size and risk profile.

The amendment updates the RBC Instructions, which instruct companies how to calculate and report RBC, to the current version. The amendment merely replaces “2018” with “2019” in the definition for “RBC Instructions.” Implementing the RBC Instructions is a national accreditation standard. A similar date change amendment has been made each year since 2009.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 289 and I’m happy to take any questions.

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