



KANSAS
INSURANCE
DEPARTMENT

Vicki Schmidt, Commissioner

Proponent Testimony for SB 448 – Updating Insurance Rebating Statutes

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Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 448, which passed the Senate 36-1.

SB 448 is designed to update and modernize rebating statutes to better align with today's business realities. Kansas, like most states in the country, has rather dated statutes and SB 448 intends to make it clear what is a permissible rebate or value-added product or service, while still providing consumer protection.

The language contained in SB 448 is largely the adoption of the rebating section of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) unfair trade practices model act developed over several years in consultation with regulators and industry across the country.¹ The model was developed because of a national dialogue on the need to update and modernize outdated rebating statutes across the country.

Kansans will benefit from additional offerings by their insurance carriers or agents that would come with the updates found in SB 448.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 448. I'm happy to take any questions.

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¹ For history of the NAIC model, including supportive testimony from industry, see https://content.naic.org/cmte_ex_itf.htm under "comments".