



Proponent Testimony for HB 2479 – Adoption of Corporate Governance Regulation in Statute

Chairman Olson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2479, which passed the House of Representatives 125-0.

For a brief background, Kansas is a member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). A primary function of the NAIC is accreditation of Insurance Departments. There are certain standards that all states must achieve in order to be accredited. Failure to meet accreditation standards subjects Kansas domiciled companies to additional regulation and oversight from any other state the company conducts business.

Our department is up for accreditation in 2021. One of the requirements for accreditation is the adoption of the corporate governance regulation. Rather than adopt the regulation through the regulatory practice, we believe it is important to put the regulation into statute. Corporate governance deals with exactly what it sounds like, the governance of a board of a company and their filing requirements with the Kansas Insurance Department.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 2479. I'd be happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.

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