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Good Afternoon Chairman Crum and members of the Health and Human Service Committee. My name is Mary Blubaugh, Executive Administrator for the Kansas State Board of Nursing. I am providing neutral written testimony for HB 2187.

The Board of Nursing has not had a board meeting to review this language so I will provide information about the process of the language development of this bill. The massage therapy profession and their lobbyist Mr. Stuart Little have presented their desire to be regulated by the Board of Nursing and shared draft language at the several board meetings. At the December Board of Nursing meeting, the board did not oppose or approve of the draft language. Mr. Little and the massage therapy industry have worked with the staff of the Board of Nursing to mirror the language of our current statutes. They have been very willing to incorporate the board's requests in the language of the bill and have been wonderful to work with.

Thank you for your time and consideration.