

Testimony concerning HB 2082
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Presented by Alexandra Blasi, Executive Secretary
On behalf of
The Kansas State Board of Pharmacy
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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

The Kansas State Board of Pharmacy respectfully submits this testimony in support of HB 2082. The bill would allow licensed pharmacists to administer a drug to a patient pursuant to a prescription order, unless the prescription specifically prohibits such administration. Administration of immunizations by pharmacists is already allowed in Kansas under K.S.A. 65-1635a, and pharmacists are equipped to provide this service to patients safely and effectively. The Board is ready and willing to take on any oversight, including drafting and adopting any regulations. The Board thinks regulations could be necessary to require pharmacists administering drugs to have up-to-date CPR certifications or other education, similar to that required for immunizations. No amendment should be necessary, as the Board has authority to adopt regulations necessary to carry out the Pharmacy Practice Act and could look more closely at this issue at a later date.

While it is unlikely this bill would have much fiscal impact on the state and is well within the existing training of licensed pharmacists, the bill would require compliance monitoring in the course of routine pharmacy inspections and investigating any complaints received. While the Board does not anticipate requesting additional staff or funding for this bill and the Board has current processes and staff to support these functions, each added element of compliance monitoring takes additional staff time and the Board has “maxed out” current resources. Board inspectors would include this in their standard compliance review of pharmacies and their practices. While the impact would be minor, I anticipate total associated staff time could accumulate to 0.1 FTE per year to accommodate these responsibilities. For a licensed pharmacy inspector salary, this would equate to approximately \$11,600 per year.

The Board finds this bill consistent with many other state pharmacy practice acts and supports timely passage during the 2019 session.

Respectfully submitted,

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