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Good afternoon Chairman Burgess and members of the Government Efficiency Committee. Thank you for allowing the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) to provide written testimony in opposition to HB 2726. The Board of Nursing currently has approximately 59,700 licensed APRN's, RN's, LPN's and LMHT's who renew their license very two years. The mission of KSBN is to assure the citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurse and mental health technicians.

KSA 75-30,100 was enacted in 2000 with the intent to create incentives for state agencies to become more efficient by implementing on-line renewals with the use of credit cards or other forms of electronic payment. This statute allowed government entities to pass on actual costs to offer on-line services.

KSBN implemented on-line renewals in 2001. This service was implemented as a convenience to our customers and to increase efficiency for the agency. In 2011 the average percentage of those renewing on-line was 77%. In January of 2012 the on-line renewal rate was 95%. The fee charged by Kansas.gov for the payment portal is \$2.50 for each license renewed on-line. KSBN anticipates that absorbing the additional costs associated with HB 2726 would result in at least a \$56,000 yearly reduction in revenues. KSBN is currently at cap on renewal fees and would be unable to raise fees to cover the lost revenue. KSBN was not asked to provide an Economic Impact Statement for this bill.

If the language in HB 2726 is passed, KSBN respectfully requests that the implementation date be delayed to allow state agencies time to adjust their fees, budgets, and possible statutes to meet the requirement.

Thank you for your consideration.