

March 14, 2017

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

Testimony in Support of House Bill 2121

Chairwoman Schmidt and Members of the Committee,

The Kansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (KAAP) represents over 90 percent of the practicing pediatricians in the state. The KAAP has the fundamental goal that all children in Kansas have the opportunity to grow safe and strong. We strongly support House Bill 2121 and urge the committee to support the bill and advance it to the full Senate.

- As pediatricians we know how important vaccinations are to our patients. Over the years we have seen the decrease in the number of children who suffer these potentially deadly diseases.
- Vaccination is one of the best ways parents can protect infants, children and teens from potentially harmful diseases.
- Vaccine-preventable diseases can be very serious, may require hospitalization, or even be deadly - especially in infants and young children.
- Maintaining up to date vaccination schedules is the best way to prevent these potentially harmful diseases to occur in a community
- Having the WEB IZ with accurate up to date vaccine information is the best way to help providers keep children up to date with these important life saving immunizations.

Thank you for your time and attention. We welcome any questions you might have and are happy to serve as your resource on pediatric issues.

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