



Kansas Insurance Department

Vicki Schmidt, Commissioner of Insurance

Testimony on HB 2143 for the Senate Financial Institutions & Insurance Committee

March 13, 2019

Chairman Olson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 2143.

HB 2143, which passed the House unanimously, is the House version of SB 28 previously heard by this committee and passed by the Senate unanimously. HB 2143 proposes to amend K.S.A. 40-2c01, which concerns a standard regulatory tool referred to as risk-based capital (RBC). The goal of the RBC law is to ensure each Kansas domestic company has the required amount of capital needed to support its overall business operations in consideration of its size and risk profile.

The amendment updates the RBC Instructions, which instruct companies how to calculate and report RBC, to the current version. The amendment merely replaces “2017” with “2018” in the definition for “RBC Instructions.” Implementing the RBC Instructions is a national accreditation standard. A similar date change amendment has been made each year since 2009.

For these reasons, we ask the Committee to recommend HB 2143 favorable for passage.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this bill.

Sincerely,

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