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Testimony in Support of SB 282 – AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; enacting the healthcare price disclosure act; relating to healthcare services; facilities; prices; public disclosure thereof

Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance

Honorable Chair – Robert Olson  
Vice Chair – Rick Billinger  
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Honorable Committee Members

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and esteemed members of the Committee! Thank you for the opportunity to have a hearing and allowing me the opportunity to speak in support of SB 282 today.

If you read the Shawnee Mission Post newspaper dated 07/08/2020, chances are you saw this headline; **Kansas among worst states for ‘surprise medical bills,’ according to Kaiser Family Foundation study.** If you didn’t get an opportunity to read the article, I have attached a copy of that article along with the Kaiser Family Foundation study to my testimony.

This article offers a good illustration of the importance and the need for SB 282. This also illustrates that there is no silver bullet to combatting the rising costs of healthcare. While SB 282 is an important piece, it isn’t the only piece.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Committee for your time and consideration it was an honor to speak before you! I will stand for questioning at the appropriate time.

Thank you,

Senator Richard Hilderbrand

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<https://www.healthsystemtracker.org/brief/an-examination-of-surprise-medical-bills-and-proposals-to-protect-consumers-from-them/>

<https://shawneeemissionpost.com/2020/01/08/kansas-among-worst-states-for-surprise-medical-bills-according-to-kaiser-family-foundation-study-85675>