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SB 55
Kansas Senate Education Committee
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Madam Chair Baumgardner and Members of the KS Senate Committee on Education:

My name is Carl Cleveland. I am a Doctor of Chiropractic, and President of Cleveland University-Kansas City (CUKC). The University has introduced SB 55 to technically correct one statute, and to clarify the statute with regards to the clinical education experience of students.

SB 55 corrects/clarifies two points of current law by:

(1) Eliminates a conflict between the existing statute K.S.A. 74-32,164, as amended in 2017, that exempts CUKC from coverage under the Kansas Private and Out-of-State Post-secondary Educational Institution Act, and K.S.A. 65-2877a, which enables the University to operate an educational clinic, but requires CUKC to be approved by the KBOR.

(2) Clarifying authority for CUKC to expand its student intern education experience through establishing or affiliating with off-campus clinical sites. This would allow the University to enhance the clinical education experience for its senior student interns and provide patient care to a more broadly diverse patient population within the Johnson and Wyandotte County communities.

Background

CUKC is a 501(c) (3), non-profit postsecondary higher education institution, founded in 1922, in Kansas City, Missouri, and since 2008 has provided instruction at its newly renovated campus in Overland Park, Kansas. The university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, and the Council on Chiropractic Education.

CUKC offers Associate Degrees in Biological Sciences, Radiological Technology, and Occupational Therapy Assistant, a Bachelor's degree in Human Biology, a Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science, a Master's of Science in Health Promotion Education, and a Doctor of Chiropractic degree.



The University employs 140 faculty and staff and maintains a growing enrollment of 590 students.

In 2017, K.S.A. 74-32,164 was amended to exempt CUKC from the Kansas Private and Out-of-State Post-secondary Educational Institution Act. Pursuant to that legislative action, CUKC is no longer subject to the regulatory oversight of the KBOR.

A key focus of the education mission of Cleveland University's College of Chiropractic is to prepare graduates to become skillful and ethical practitioners who also are equipped to conduct a professional practice in the business of chiropractic in accordance with federal and state law.

As part of its academic program, Cleveland maintains the on-campus Cleveland Chiropractic Health Center serving approximately 30,000 patient visits annually. The on-campus Health Center serves as the main teaching clinic whereby the senior year interns gain educational experience providing direct patient care under the supervision of licensed doctors of chiropractic.

The administration's short-range and long-range plans include creating educational opportunities for enhancing the student intern education and patient care experience caring for diverse populations within Johnson and Wyandotte Counties.

SB 55 eliminates the conflict between K.S.A. 74-32,164 and K.S.A. 65-2877a, and clarifies CUKC's authority for expanding clinical teaching opportunities to include community clinics.

Madam Chair Baumgardner and Members of the Committee, on behalf of the students, faculty and staff of the University, we respectfully request the committee's approval of SB 55.

Respectfully,



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