

HB 1388 Written Testimony, in FAVOR of bill:

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“In 2017, I was told that my white cell count was through the roof and I needed to see an Oncologist immediately. I selected a local clinic which had a group of doctors and selected one to see based on there bio. She understood the severity of the condition and immediately saw me. On my first visit, she diagnosed my illness (Mantle Cell Lymphoma), took a bone marrow sample to confirm and called the head of the Bone Marrow Transplant Dept at UofM to discuss my treatment plan. Based on that effort, my treatment started and 4 months later I was in remission. I was then admitted to UofM for a Stem Cell Transplant with the same head of the Dept. After 6 months total, I was back at home. If it wasn’t for the initial doctors actions, I might not have gotten the care I needed or the connection with the Dept Head at UofM. To this day, I still see both of them since my cancer could come back. I will follow both of them, where ever they may relocate, since they saved my life and I have established a strong relationship with them. They have both discussed with me follow on treatment if my cancer returns and I trust my life in their hands. A Non Compete might get in the way of receiving the life saving care that these doctors have provided me. They know my condition, I trust them and they would be the best ones to save my life, no matter where they are practicing.”