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I am in Support of this Bill on its Face.			



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Chair DeGroot and Members of the Committee: I am writing to indicate support for HB 347, which would enact the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act ("UIDDA"). My name is Kaitlin Wolff and I serve as Legislative Counsel to the Uniform Law Commission ("ULC"). The ULC is a nonprofit organization based in Chicago that is made up of volunteer attorneys appointed by their states. The ULC drafts non-partisan model legislation for states in areas in which uniformity is practical and desirable. The UIDDA was finalized in 2007 and has been enacted in 44 states. The act has also been introduced in Oklahoma this legislative session. The goal of this uniform act is to make it more efficient and inexpensive to depose out-of-state individuals and to produce discoverable materials located out of the trial state. Under the UIDDA, litigants can present a clerk of the court located in the state where discoverable materials are sought with a subpoena issued by a court in the trial state. Once the clerk receives the foreign subpoena, the clerk will issue a subpoena for service upon the person or entity on which the original subpoena is directed. The terms of the issued subpoena must incorporate the same terms as the original subpoena and contain the contact information for all counsel of record and any party not represented by counsel. The uniform act requires minimal judicial oversight and eliminates the need for obtaining a commission or local counsel in the discovery state, letters rogatory, or the filing of a miscellaneous action during the discovery phase of litigation. Discovery authorized by the subpoena must comply with the rules of the state in which the discovery occurs. In addition, motions to quash, enforce, or modify a subpoena issued pursuant to the Act must be brought in and governed by the rules of the discovery state. In short, this uniform act offers an efficient, less expensive way to conduct discovery involving an out-of-state witness and out-of-state discoverable materials. This uniform act also minimizes judicial oversight because there is no need to present the matter to a judge in the discovery state before a subpoena can be issued. Thank you for taking the time to consider HB 347, and I would be happy to answer any questions you have about the act at a future hearing, or via telephone (312-450-6615) or email (kwolff@uniformlaws.org).



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