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I am Opposed to this Bill. We need to retain local State Control and Testing.



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on licensed professions in Missouri. My name is Conor Norris, PhD, I am an assistant professor and the Director of Labor Policy at the Knee Regulatory Research Center at West Virginia University. I am also a Regulatory Policy Fellow with the Archbridge Institute. My comments are not submitted on behalf of any party or interest group.

My research focuses on the effects of occupational licensing laws on the supply of professionals, wages and prices, and interstate mobility. We use occupational licensing to ensure professionals are qualified and to protect consumers. However, these standards can also be restrictive, preventing aspiring professionals from earning a living. They also make it more difficult for professionals to move to a new state and begin working.

Universal recognition has emerged as an effective reform to encourage licensed professionals to move into a state. Missouri passed a universal recognition law in 2018. Economists have found evidence that states with universal recognition laws not only see increased employment, but they also see increased economic output.

HB 2300 would safely expand universal recognition by offering an alternative pathway to licensure, allowing experience to count when the applicant is moving from a state that does not license their profession. Ten other states accept relevant experience when the applicant is moving from a state without a license requirement. Thus far, we have no reports of issues caused by this reform.

In total, over 300 different professions are licensed in the United States, many of them are not licensed in every state. This reform would ensure that these experienced professionals are able to move to Missouri and begin working.

Conor Norris