

# SENATE COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL NO: SB 1016

SPONSOR: Lewis

HEARING DATE: 3/3/2026

COMMITTEE: Emerging Issues and Professional Registration	
CHAIRMAN: Brown (16)	
DATE REFERRED: 1/8/2026	DATE HEARING REQUESTED:

STAFF:

Ashley Bax  
Katie O'Brien

WITNESSES GIVING INFORMATION:

WITNESSES FOR:

Suzanne Opperman - Suzanne's Mental Health Wellness, LLC  
Deborah Blinzler - Deborah Blinzler Advanced Practice Nurse Provider Rural Missouri and MO APRNFPA  
John Armbruster - John Armbruster  
Karen White - Missouri Highlands Health Care  
Sheila Armbruster  
Samuel Lee - Campaign Life Missouri  
James Wallis  
Arnie AC Dienoff  
William Marrs - Mercy Health Systems  
Mark Fiegenbaum - MO Farm Bureau  
Jessica Petrie - Kids Win Missouri  
Marcy Markes  
Jaimie Cavanaugh - Pacific Legal Foundation  
Dawn Pfeffer Wright  
Matthew Dowd - IAFF Local No 42 Firefighter Kansas City  
William Bates  
Jay Hardenbrook - AARP  
Jamey Murphy - MO Hospital Association  
Laurie Sparr - St Louis Nurses in Advanced Practice  
Garrett Webb  
Heidi Lucas  
Margaret Benz  
Karin Riepe  
Marsha Burris - MO Nurse Practitioners  
Carla Moore Beckerle  
Derek Leffert - Association of MO Nurse Practitioner  
Doug Mann - Planned Parenthood Great Rivers Action

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Kyna Iman - MO Nurses Association

Jeanne Wiggins

## WITNESSES AGAINST:

George Hubbell

Emily George

Keith Ratcliff - MO Academy of Family Physicians

Elizabeth Stover Lucore - MO Osteopathic Assoc of Physicians and Surgeons

Brian Biggans

Jay Devineni - MSMA

Samantha DeLuca - MO Association of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons

Rachel Kylo

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