

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE, LABOR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Hutton at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Marvin KleeB – Excused

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department

Linda Herrick, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Chuck Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kurt Steinkuhler, Chairman, Kansas Roofing Association

Representative Diana Dierks, 71st District

Mike Gibson, Executive Vice President, Associated General Contractors of Kansas

Adrian Serene, Assistant Attorney General

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: HB2254 — Exempting certain general contractors from the roofing contractor registration act.

Chairperson Hutton opened the hearing.

Mr. Kurt Steinkuhler, Chairman, Kansas Roofing Association, provided proponent testimony ([Attachment 1](#)). The legislator worked to prevent storm chasing contractors from taking advantage of Kansas citizens and the Kansas Roofer's Registration Act seems to be working well. However, in some areas of Kansas, general contractors are required to register as roofing contractors, a duplicate permit.

Mr. Steinkuhler supports the bill, however, he asked that line 22 of the bill be deleted referencing "contract labor."

Mike Gibson gave proponent testimony ([Attachment 2](#)) noting this bill would create an exemption for general contractors. If the contractor does the roofing work, the work cannot be more than 50% of the total project costs.

Representative Dierks in her testimony ([Attachment 3](#)) said one of her constituents brought to her attention that the bill passed last session regarding roofers, now requires that general contractors be a registered roofing contract. This contractor hires or subs all of the roofing out to registered roofers. This bill eliminates that requirement, and she supports passage of the bill.

Mr. Adrian Serene gave testimony ([Attachment 4](#)) indicating the Attorney General is supportive of this

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bill which is to clarify that general contractors are not required to register as roofing contractors under the Kansas Roofing Registration Act. However, Mr. Serene offered a balloon amendment (attached to his testimony) to ensure that a fly-by-night storm chaser is not able to avoid a roofing registration merely by claiming to be an exempt general contractor.

Written only proponent testimony ([Attachment 5](#)) was provided by Todd Welsh, TWI Development, Inc., Salina.

The fiscal note for this bill indicates the Office of the Attorney General would lose the \$250 registration fee for those exempt general contractors who no longer registered as roofing contractors; and any fiscal effect associated with this bill is not reflected in the 2016 Governor's Budget Report. The hearing on this bill was closed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.