



**Kansas Society of Professional Engineers**

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## **TESTIMONY**

**TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS**

**FROM: Ron Gaches, Executive Director**

**RE: SB 24, Board of Technical Professions Licensure Cleanup**

**DATE: March 10, 2015**

Chairman Brunk and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear today. My name is Ron Gaches and I am here on behalf of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers to express our support for Senate Bill 24. KSPE is the professional society representing licensed professional engineers across Kansas.

Last year, KSPE testified in support of Senate Bill 54 (later passed as SB 349) which provided a comprehensive update to the Board of Technical Professions' statutes. Thanks in large part to this committee, SB 54 passed last session. However, some concerns arose last summer by outside legal counsel that the language in SB 54 was too vague about who could prepare technical drawings, specifications and other submittals. Some felt the language allowed only architects to submit those items and that was never the intent of SB 54.

After representatives from all of the groups governed by the Board of Technical Professions met last summer, the amendments included in SB 24 were agreed to as an acceptable solution. KSPE fully supports the clean-up language included in SB 24 and we would respectfully ask for your support of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before your committee and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.