



TESTIMONY

TO: SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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RE: SB 424

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Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit supporting comments on SB 424 on behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies of KS (ACEC KS). ACEC KS is the trade organization representing private sector consulting engineering companies. We represent thousands of engineers and supporting staff at consulting companies across the state.

A big part of the consulting engineering business is land surveying. In some cases that means having land surveyors as part of the company, in others it means partnering with land surveyors outside the company. In either case, the work of land surveyors is critical to the provision of infrastructure projects in Kansas.

We appreciate the work of the broad coalition of stakeholders who put this bill together. ACEC KS was not part of the group, but we have been kept apprised of its progress with the chance to offer comments/concerns.

The changes proposed in SB 424 will keep Kansas in line with federal standards. It will also provide more uniformity and put Kansas in a good spot to make future necessary changes in timely fashion.

We encourage the Committee to pass SB 424 favorably. Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this testimony.