

Senate Committee on Transportation
Testimony by Kansas State Board of Technical Professions

Chairperson Petersen and members of the Committee:

The mission of the Board of Technical Professions is to ensure the health, safety, property, and welfare of the people of Kansas by regulating the professional practice of engineering, architecture, land surveying, geology, and landscape architecture in Kansas. The Board accomplishes its mission by ensuring that these professional activities are carried out only by individuals who meet qualifications prescribed by state statute and the Board's rules and regulations. The agency is governed by a Board of 11 members who are licensed in one or more of the professions regulated by the Board, which includes three professional land surveyors, and two public members.

The Board supports extending the amount of time required for land surveyors' reports to be filed with the historical society. The increase from 30 to 90 days will allow land surveyors to be more efficient and effective. The current 30-day requirement sometimes requires multiple submissions during completion of a project. Extending the time to 90 days would provide surveyors with a more balanced, practical workflow on today's large-scale surveying projects. Finally, the extension of time provided by the bill will not impose any economic, financial, or operational burdens on either the professional surveyors, their clients, or this agency.

The Board of Technical Professions encourages this committee to advance SB 9 as introduced.

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