

Testimony for Public Hearing

Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

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HOUSE BILL No 2024 (committee) – An act enacting the Kansas roofing contractor registration act

My name is Brad Woody, and I am an owner of an insurance agency in Wichita, KS. I have been in the insurance business in Kansas since 1992. In Kansas, the majority of losses sustained to our customer's homes are from wind and hail. When working with our clients through wind and hail claims, it is essential to match them up with the most reliable contractors. Through my experience, I believe my testimony is warranted in regard to House Bill No. 2024.

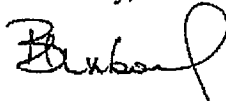
House Bill No 2024 is intended to be an act to supplement the Kansas consumer protection act (50-623). A goal of this act is to protect Kansas consumers from those who commit deceptive and unconscionable practices. Unfortunately, there are too many such acts that occur due to unethical roofing contractors who travel into Kansas from other states. These groups will typically travel door to door promising to waive deductibles. They will also promise to do the work for much less than their insurance company has paid. The client is told to sign a contract for the work, and then the deception has begun. Many of these contractors will not do the work that is promised, and many times end up charging more.

House Bill No 2024 has been written to require proper registration by every roofing contractor wishing to do business in Kansas. The bill will assure that the vital information is on file for the roofing contractor. The information would include disclosure of any criminal convictions and allow a complete criminal history check. It also requires that proper insurance be maintained, state filings are complete, tax information is current, and information on any license revocations from other states. This bill will create a database of registered roofing contractors. This will give Kansas consumers a source to help protect them from deceptive practices by deceptive contractors.

I am submitting this testimony to you in support of House Bill No 2024. I ask that you give your support to this supplemental act to the Kansas consumer protection act (5-623) to help protect the consumers of Kansas.

Thanks for your time and consideration in helping do what is best for Kansas and its residents.

Sincerely,



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