

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 Tim Newell and I am an owner of an insurance agency founded in Salina, Kansas in 1993. In Kansas losses are sustained to our customers' homes often due to damage from wind and hail. It is of the utmost importance to match our customers with the most reliable roofing contractors. Though this experience I believe my testimony is warranted in regard to this proposed House Bill No. 2024.

House Bill No. 2024 is intended to be an act to supplement the Kansas consumer protection act (50623). A goal of the Kansas consumer protection act is to protect Kansas consumers from those who commit deceptive and unconscionable practices. Too many times these deceptive practices violate Kansas consumers. These violations are commonly due to unethical roofing contractors who travel into Kansas from other states seeking their next victims.

House Bill No. 2024 is designed to properly register each roofing contractor wishing to complete work in Kansas. The bill will assure that the correct information is on file for the roofing contractor. It also requires a truthful disclosure of any convictions and can and can be used to complete a criminal history check. It requires that proper insurance is to be maintained, the states filing are complete, tax information is current, and is a license was ever revoked in another state for any reason. House Bill No. 2024 would also provide for the creation of a database of registered roofing contractors. It would be used to verify that a roofing contractor is properly registered to engage in roofing work in Kansas. This would give the tools to Kansas consumers to help protect them from roofing contractors not registered to work in Kansas.

I am submitting this testimony to you in support of passing House Bill No. 2024 – An Act enacting the Kansas roofing contractor registration act. I ask that you give your support to this supplemental act to the Kansas consumer protection act (50-623) to protect the consumer of Kansas.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Newell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.