

TESTIMONY

Before the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

Presented by the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions

Date: February 20, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

RE: HB 2246

Good afternoon Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee. I am Jean Boline, Executive Director of the Kansas Board of Technical Professions. I am here today to express the Board's opposition to HB 2246 as it has been introduced.

There appear to be sections of the bill which assign specific duties of the Board to a peer review committee.

Section 1, paragraph (a) (8) (B) & (C), page 1, lines 23-30

(B) states that the peer review would determine whether the services of a design professional were performed in compliance with the requirements of the state board of technical professions. This function is clearly a statutory function of the Board.

(C) states that the peer review would evaluate the qualification and competence of the design professional or would act upon matters relating to the discipline of that professional. Again, these are clearly statutory functions of the Board.

Section 1, paragraph (d), page 3, lines 11, and 13-16

Again, this paragraph appears to allow the peer review committee to take disciplinary action and to restrict or revoke the license of the design professional. These are functions given to the Board by statute.

Possible amendments to HB 2246 have been discussed. However, until those amendments have been adopted by to this committee, the Board must oppose HB 2246.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the Board of Technical Professions concerns.

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