



# **Kansas Society of Professional Engineers**

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**House Taxation Committee  
Testimony of Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)  
Submitted by Ron Gaches  
In Opposition of HB 2136  
Thursday, February 14, 2013**

Chairman Carlson and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to HB 2136.

The Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) is an association of licensed professional engineers across the state. The KSPE goal is to promote, recognize, and enhance the engineering profession by delivering professional development products and services, encouraging licensure, and advocating legislation and public policy for the betterment of human welfare and the profession.

In 2010 the Kansas legislature passed a comprehensive transportation plan called T-WORKS. Along with this plan was a funding bill that put in place a penny sales tax which 6/10 of this is planned to sunset in 2013. The remaining 4/10 is scheduled to stay in place to continue funding the T-WORKS program. HB 2136 would take away that 4/10 from KDOT and redirect the funds to the State General Fund. This would effectively end the stream of funding that was put in place by the 2010 legislature to continue the T-WORKS program and put in jeopardy projects across the state that provide jobs and public safety to the citizens of Kansas.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue. KSPE respectfully urges you to oppose HB 2136.

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