

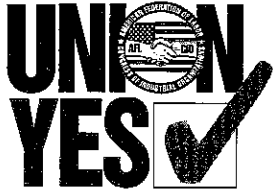
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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO Senate Bill 154 BEFORE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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Thank you Chairwoman Lynn and members of the committee I appreciate this opportunity to speak in opposition to SB 154.

Under current law the maximum weekly benefit is calculated every year. Senate Bill 154 would change the law so the maximum weekly benefit would only be calculated every three years with no guarantee of an increase or decrease if the average state wage goes up or down.

This legislature has made many changes over the past few years to strengthen the integrity of the UI fund. The Kansas AFL-CIO would ask you to consider amending SB 154 so benefits would still be calculated yearly as they are currently.

Thank you for your time and attention

