



Wichita Independent Business Association

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Written Testimony Before the Senate Commerce Committee

SB 198

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Chairman Lynn and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input and opposition to SB 198. The Wichita Independent Business Association (WIBA) has represented Kansas businesses for 82 years. WIBA membership ranges from the individual sole proprietor operating a home-based business to large corporations with thousands of employees. WIBA has almost 500 member businesses from Wichita and throughout the state and represents more than 250 industries.

Each year WIBA asks its members what are the most important issues to them. The top issue the last few years has been “decreasing business regulations and mandates”. Recently, the US Department of Labor funded study on regulations and the cost on business. The study found that regulations cost a company with fewer than 20 employees more than 36% more per employee than companies with 500 employees or more. Tax compliance costs 3 times as much per employee for the smaller firm and environmental regulations cost 4.64 times as much.

Over the last few years, Kansas businesses have come together and have made suggestions on reducing burdensome regulations. While WIBA does not want to impede the efforts of Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) to increase their collections of child support, our members does not think it fair to expect Kansas businesses to participate in the process. By requiring the reporting to the new hire database the bill will add additional reporting and financial burdens on Kansas employers to accomplish their enforcement goals. SB 198 will cost employers time to implement and administer as well as cause possible confusion with when to issue the 1099. As such WIBA members oppose its passage.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.