

SESSION OF 2015

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL
NO. 2224**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2224 would clarify law regarding technical professions by adding the word “architectural” to describe the types of designs included in the definition of professional architectural services. In addition, the bill would add “preparing and providing drawings, specifications and other technical submissions” as a common technical service offered by a technical professions licensee.

Background

The House Committee deleted the original contents of HB 2224 and inserted the contents of SB 24 as recommended by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

At the Senate Committee hearing on SB 24, representatives of the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions (Board), American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas, Kansas Society of Professional Engineers, American Society of Landscape Architects, Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists, AIA Kansas, and the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors provided proponent testimony on the bill. The proponents stated the purpose of this bill is to clarify two definitions that were part of the comprehensive update to the Board’s

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statutes during the 2014 Legislative Session. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided at the hearing.

At the hearing in the House Federal and State Affairs committee on SB 24, representatives from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas, the Gateway Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the American Institute of Architects, the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers, the Kansas Board of Technical Professions, the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists, and the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors appeared in support of the bill. The proponents testified that the intent of the bill was to “clean up” extensive legislation passed during the 2014 legislative session. The proponents testified the bill would provide additional clarification to the law to allow the regulated professionals to continue to practice their professions in the same manner as they have in the past.

Several individual architects appeared in opposition to the bill. The opponents testified they were not necessarily opposed to the specific changes proposed by the bill, but believe the original contents of HB 2224, which proposed additional changes to the statutes, was preferable to SB 24.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on SB 24 states there would be no fiscal effect on the Board’s budget.