

Kansas Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee
Hearing on Senate Bill 147, 9:30 a.m., room 548-S

AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to rates; determination of Kansas adjusted gross income, modifications; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 79-32,110 and 79-32,117 and repealing the existing sections.

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I am opposed to increasing the individual income tax rates as proposed in Senate Bill 147.

Although the increase is modest, I wish to point out that due to changes in the tax code that altered the deductibility of many common IRS deductions a few years ago, my personal tax liability and the actual taxes paid have nearly doubled since 2011. Many other Kansans experienced this as well.

I am not a business owner, and am on a fixed income (age 62). I have witnessed tax (income, sales and property taxes) and fee increases between 2011 and today that have effectively doubled my Kansas tax rate. (My income has remained almost identical year over year).

I appreciated the income tax rate reductions of recent years, and strongly believe that increased taxation of individual and business income is the wrong direction for Kansas. To tax something is to discourage it-and vice versa.

I would prefer that the Legislature reduce spending-including for education-rather than increase taxes on retirees like me.

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