



To: House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development  
From: Travis Lowe, CAE  
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers  
Date: February 10, 2022  
Re: Supportive Testimony for HB 2526

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,  
Thank you for the opportunity to offer remarks regarding HB 2526.

I serve as Executive Director of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers. The Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) represents the individual licensed professional engineers across the state. For over 110 years, KSPE has worked to promote engineering and public safety by delivering professional engineering services and encouraging licensure, in addition to advocating legislation and public policy for the betterment of human welfare and the industry.

Related to HB 2526, KSPE is not here today to advocate whether the state should create a registration act for home inspectors. KSPE does, however, believe that HB 2526 should be strongly considered if such an act is the desire of the Committee. KSPE's interest pertains to the role of licensed professional engineers that already perform home inspections as part of their business practice.

HB 2526 represents four years of negotiation between several parties. KSPE applauds the effort of the Kansas Realtors Association and home inspectors for their dedicated effort to find common ground over the last four sessions. Since 2019, KSPE has participated in the group conversations as they relate to licensed professional engineers who perform home inspections.

The bill, as presented, provides the ability for licensed professional engineers who perform home inspections to continue their work, in accordance with their eight years of learning, training and testing to become a licensed professional engineer. Professional engineers are under the oversight of the Board of Technical Professions that require a host of continual training, education, and disciplinary oversight to maintain their license.

HB 2526, as currently presented, does not mandate double licensure requirements to licensed professional engineers, and we appreciate the committee's support to maintain this protection.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to voice our comments.

Respectfully,

Travis Lowe