



To: House Committee on Taxation
From: Adam Stodola, P.E., F.NSPE
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers
American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas
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Re: Neutral Testimony for HB 2711

Chairman Smith and members of the committee,
Thank you for the opportunity to submit our thoughts on HB 2711.

I am Adam Stodola, P.E, F.NSPE, a past president of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers and past co-chair of the KDOT/ACEC Partnering Committee. Today, I am proud to represent the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) and American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas (ACEC Kansas).

KSPE represents the individual licensed engineers across the State of Kansas. For over 110 years, KSPE has worked to promote engineering by delivering professional development services, encouraging licensure, and advocating legislation and public policy for the betterment of human welfare and the industry. ACEC Kansas is the trade association representing private consulting engineering firms doing work in the State of Kansas. ACEC of Kansas serves the needs of those firms and is dedicated to the promotion and development of the highest standards of professional competence and ethics.

KSPE and ACEC Kansas do not generally weigh in on tax issues with the exception of taxes designated for infrastructure investment. For many years, Kansas has used a portion of the state sales tax as a sustainable line of support of its comprehensive transportation plans, including the most recent ten-year IKE Plan, approved in 2020.

In January, our associations provided testimony in the House Committee on Taxation's initial hearings on food sales tax. Our request was to ask the Committee to be mindful of the existing formula designated for the State Highway Fund. If food sales tax legislation is considered, appropriate adjustments should be made to hold the fund revenue neutral.

Reviewing HB 2711, the bill includes a percentage adjustment for the State Highway Fund. We support this language and appreciate the chair and committee's work to ensure this adjustment is made.

KSPE and ACEC Kansas are proud of the state's support of the IKE Plan and appreciate your continued effort to ensure the funding source is not reduced in a way that impacts current and future projects.

Our organizations are happy to be a resource for the Committee as necessary.

Thank you in advance,

Adam Stodola, P.E., F.NSPE