

To: Senate Commerce Committee
From: Travis Lowe
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers
Date: February 24, 2021
Re: Neutral Testimony on SB 176

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer remarks regarding Senate Bill 176.

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.

KSPE applauds the effort of the Kansas Realtors Association and home inspectors for their dedicated effort to find common ground over the last three sessions. Since 2019, KSPE has participated in the group conversations as they relate to licensed professional engineers who perform home inspections.

KSPE has no objection to SB 176, in its current form. 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.

SB 176, 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