

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Testimony Supporting SB 424 by Kansas State Board of Technical Professions

Chairperson Senator Mike Petersen and members of the Committee:

Good morning. I am Lary Karns, the Executive Director of the Board of Technical Professions.

The mission of the Board of Technical Professions is to ensure the health, safety, property, and welfare of the people of Kansas by licensing and regulating the professional practices of engineering, architecture, land surveying, geology, and landscape architecture in Kansas. The Board accomplishes its mission by ensuring that these professional activities are carried out only by individuals who meet qualifications prescribed by state statute and the Board's rules and regulations.

The Board of Technical Professions is a fee funded agency. Our thirteen-member Board is comprised of three Professional Land Surveyors, three Professional Engineers, three Professional Architects, one Professional Landscape Architect, one Professional Geologists and two public members.

The Board met on February 9, 2024, to discuss SB 424. This bill is a technical surveying bill. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was clear that the Board's surveyor members, who come from both public and private practice and who have many years of experience surveying in Kansas, unanimously support the passage of this bill. After the bill was discussed, the full Board voted, also unanimously, to support the bill.

I am here before you to today to express that support. While I am not a Professional Land Surveyor, I will try to address any questions you may have regarding the bill or, better yet, I will ask the experts on your behalf.

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