



February 20, 2013

AIA Kansas

*A Chapter of the American
Institute of Architects*

President
Charles Smith, AIA
Topeka
President Elect
Gwenda S. Gigous, AIA
Topeka
Secretary
Timothy Clark, AIA
Manhattan
Treasurer
Anthony Jacobs, AIA
Wichita

Directors
Richard C. Brown, AIA
Wichita
Tim de Noble, AIA
Manhattan
David Dresher, AIA
Wichita
David Dunfield, AIA
Lawrence
Bryan Falk, AIA
Lawrence
Nils Gore, AIA
Lawrence
Peter Hauff, AIA
Emporia
Jeff Martin
Lawrence
Benjamin Moore, AIA
Council Grove
Scott Moore, AIA
Council Grove
Tyler Moreland, AIA
Wichita
Hans Nettelblad, AIA
Overland Park
Martin Rangel, AIA
Wichita
Jeff Schutzler, AIA
Lenexa
Zach Snethen, Associate AIA
Topeka
Hadley Stolte, Associate AIA
Fairway

Executive Director
Trudy Aron, Hon. AIA
info@aiaks.org

700 SW Jackson, Suite 209
Topeka, KS 66603
800-444-9853 or 785-357-5308
www.aiaks.org

TO: Representative Klebb and Members of the House
Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee

FROM: Trudy Aron, Executive Director

RE: Support of HB 2246

Good afternoon Chair Klebb and members of the Committee. Thank you for allowing the American Institute of Architects to provide this testimony in support of HB 2246.

AIA Kansas is a statewide association of architects and intern architects. Most of our 680 members work in over 100 private practice architectural firms designing a variety of project types for both public and private clients. Our members are designing tomorrow's buildings today, aiming to meet the "triple bottom line" by designing buildings that are affordable, protect the health and safety of the building occupants, and that respect our environment.

HB 2246 gives those licensed by the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions (Board) – architects, engineers, landscape architects, and land surveyors– certain legal protection from documents generated by peer review. Peer review is a process of evaluating the services rendered by those licensed by the Board to improve the quality of their services. Like the peer review for those in the healing arts, this peer review provides firms with information helpful in developing better processes, upgrading education and training, and provides opportunities to enhance the services provided to the public.

This bill does not protect the information derived by the peer review from any disciplinary action by the Board of Technical Professions. Further, the Board is proposing amendments to the bill that AIA Kansas supports.

Thank you for your time. I'll stand for questions.