## National Association of Elevator Contractors Items for inclusion in testimony provided by David Smarte, NAEC Global Safety & Education Officer



The following are the items we are requesting be reviewed and modified prior to taking **HB2826** to the floor for discussion and vote:

- Sec. 1. KSA 2023 Supp. 44-1802 (2) (b) Need to remove Stairway and Chairlift, unless you are adding licensing for Residential Mechanics
- Sec. 2. KSA 2023 Supp. 44-1805 (a) Implies that a mechanic working on the equipment does not have to be licensed.
- Sec. 2. KSA 2023 Supp. 44-1805 (b) This appears to introduce private residence elevator regulation. There must be a path for accessibility licensing separate from commercial licensing, such as the NAEC CAT program. We are requesting inclusion of the program listed by name in the legislation.
- Sec. 3. KSA 2023 Supp. 44-1807 3, (c) (2) Regarding a certificate of completion of an elevator technician program provided by a postsecondary education institution or an equivalency examination—Currently, this does not exist. Need to add OR after (c) (1) and again after (c) (2). Require testing for (c) (1).
- **Sec. 4. KSA 2023 Supp. 44-1815 (a)** Should use original language. By removing this language, it contradicts with ASME A17-1 code. This creates a significant safety concern.
- **Sec. 4. KSA 2023 Supp. 44-1815 (b)** This is contradictory to existing industry safety norms and code recommendations. Based on this verbiage, a licensed inspector or ANY employee could provide inspection. Should require inspectors that are independent qualified per ASME QEI-1 standards as the qualifying means.
- Sec. 4. KSA 2023 Supp. 44-1815 (c) This sets a fee cap for private businesses that will create a safety issue. Some tests may take up to 8 hours or longer, depending on the issues.
- Sec. 4. KSA 2023 Supp. 44-1815 (c) (2) As written, this eliminates an independent inspection, creating a safety concern that contradicts ASME A17-1 code.
- Sec. 4. KSA 2023 Supp. 44-1816 (d) The section has the State Fire Marshall giving a certificate of operation without an inspection which creates a liability burden on the state of Kansas.