



# **"BAIL AGENTS ASSURE JUSTICE"**

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## Testimony In Support of Senate Bill 244

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Chair Warren and Committee Members,

My name is Shane Rolf. I am the Executive Vice President of the Kansas Bail Agents Association. I am providing this testimony on behalf of the KBAA in support of Senate Bill 244.

This is a "clean up" bill to a bill the legislature passed and successfully overrode a veto of the Governor. That legislation required compensated sureties to charge a minimum fee of 10% of the face amount of the bond and not post bail before it has collected at least 1/2 of that amount from the accused.

We are receiving reports from some of our members that individuals are attempting to skirt this requirement by either entering into a side loan agreement, or claiming to have an "angel investor" willing to pay the money which the bonding company would guarantee. Allowing this circumvention was not the intent of the legislature. Senate Bill 244 addresses this practice by clearly prohibiting bonding companies from extending loans on the minimum fee and disallowing compensated sureties from being in the business of making loans for this purpose. Further, it would require that any loans for this purpose be made through a properly licensed financial institution.

To ensure bonding companies across Kansas are complying with the intent of legislation passed and enacted last year, I urge your timely passage of SB 244.

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