



**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
Written Only Testimony Supporting SB 398
February 5, 2026
The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce**

Chairperson and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Senate Bill 398 (SB 398), which would set an evidence standard for expert testimony.

The Greater Kansas City Chamber represents nearly 2,000 member businesses, approximately 40 percent of which are in Kansas. SB 398 strengthens the integrity of the courtroom by clarifying the standard for expert testimony. The bill requires a party offering specialized testimony to demonstrate—by a more-likely-than-not standard—that the testimony will genuinely assist the trier of fact. This is a reasonable, common-sense evidentiary safeguard that promotes fairness without limiting access to justice.

From a business perspective, predictability matters. By reducing unnecessary litigation costs and encouraging higher-quality evidence, this bill ultimately benefits Kansas workers, consumers, and businesses alike. For these reasons, the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce respectfully urges the Committee to support SB 398.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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