



To: House Tax Committee

From: Adam Stodola, P.E., F.NSPE

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American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas

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Re: Neutral Testimony for HB 2484

Mr. Chair and members of the committee, Thank you for the opportunity to submit our thoughts on HB 2484.

I am Adam Stodola, P.E, F.NSPE, a past president of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers and past co-chair of the KDOT/ACEC Partnering Committee. Today, I am proud to represent the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) and American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas (ACEC Kansas).

KSPE represents the individual licensed engineers across the State of Kansas. For over 110 years, KSPE has worked to promote engineering by delivering professional development services, encouraging licensure, and advocating legislation and public policy for the betterment of human welfare and the industry. ACEC Kansas is the trade association representing private consulting engineering firms doing work in the State of Kansas. ACEC of Kansas serves the needs of those firms and is dedicated to the promotion and development of the highest standards of professional competence and ethics.

KSPE and ACEC Kansas do not generally weigh in on tax issues with the exception of taxes designed for infrastructure investment. For many years, Kansas has used a portion of the state sales tax as a sustainable line of support of its comprehensive transportation plans, including the most recent ten-year IKE Plan, approved in 2020.

KSPE and ACEC Kansas wish to ask the Committee to be mindful of the existing formula designated for the State Highway Fund. If food sales tax legislation is considered, appropriate adjustments should be made to hold the fund revenue neutral.

KSPE and ACEC Kansas are proud of the state's support of the IKE Plan and appreciate your continued effort to ensure the funding source is not reduced in a way that impacts current and future projects.

Our organizations are happy to be a resource for the committee as necessary.

Thank you in advance,

Adam Stodola, P.E., F.NSPE