

## HB 2826 Response

Hi, my name is Craig Jones, and I am the owner/operator of Country Home Elevator, which I founded in 2000. Based in Olathe, Kansas. I would like to thank the members of the committee for your time and the opportunity to be heard at today's hearing. Country Home Elevator has been doing business in Kansas since 2000. My background is in Engineering and Elevator design. I hold a CET-S designation from the National Association of Elevator Contractors – NAEC. I Have Served on the Executive Board for the NAEC, Provided Training CEU's for Elevator mechanics, Elevator Inspectors NAESAI organization, I have been a Committee member on the ASME A17.1 Section 5.3 Elevator Code Committee writing Elevator Code and Code interpretations. I am a Licensed Commercial Elevator Mechanic in Missouri, Arkansas, & Oklahoma. I have been in the Elevator Trade since 1988. Also, a Firefighter and Fire Chief with 14 years' experience. Current Missouri Elevator Safety Board Member

I am here to offer testimony on HB 2826. I currently can't support the Bill without addressing many questions:

1. Is this Repealing the Kansas Elevator ACT HB 2005?
2. Is the intent of Line 21 (B) to Remove Escalators, power driven stairway, Etc from this Rule?
3. Line 31 (G) seems to Exclude Lifts... Are Wheelchair lifts Exempt?
4. Page 2 line 16-28 appears to say that any person employed with a Licensee could work on or Inspect Elevators.
5. Page 2 Line 29-35 Seems to include Private Residences Inspection. Does this Bill Include Private Residence Elevator in the new Rules?
6. Page 2-3 line 40- 1-10 Seem to say an elevator to be altered must meet the code at time of Original Installation. Is that all the way back to 1950, 1960 or 2000 code year?
7. Does this bypass the Elevator Advisory Board Role to Promulgate Rules as they are currently working on?
8. There is no mention of Certified Accessibility Technician – CAT to allow Accessibility Technicians to gain a license. If this in not an option, then only 4 year Full commercial Mechanics would be required to install Stair Lift and Wheelchair lifts in churches. The NAEC CAT program should be considered in these rules.

9. Page 5 line 11 limits the Inspection Fee to \$250. If this Test takes all day on a multi-story multi unit bank of elevators can the Contractor or Inspector only charge \$250? This is not a State Inspector Fee because the State does not have Inspectors.
10. Are Inspections not required Annually? ASME Code Requires Annual Inspections.

I would like to Submit NAEC CAT Program guidelines to be considered as a specific 2 year license for Certified Accessibility Technicians – CAT and AET as a 2 year license to work on A18.1 Equipment and A17.1 Section 5.2 Equipment Limited Use Limited Applications Elevators.

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Before this Bill is Moved forward there are substantial corrections that must be considered so that it does not unintentionally, make elevator less safe or put current Elevator companies out of business.

I believe it is in contradiction to the Current work of the Elevator Advisory Board's Work in rule Making.

Please keep me as an Industry Stakeholder up to date on any activity and changes that may be considered, prior to moving any Bill forward for adoption.

Respectfully,

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