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**House Commerce and Economic Development
Testimony of Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE)
Submitted by Ron Gaches
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Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Ron Gaches, and I am here today in my capacity as Executive Director of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE). We support the passage of SB 301.

SB 301 was drafted to alleviate one specific issue, namely the number of Board of Technical Professions positions whose terms are set to expire simultaneously. If left unchanged, the Board would be looking at an enormous amount of simultaneous turnover. Having identified that scenario, the Board reached out to KSPE and other stakeholder groups for discussion, and it was decided to bring this legislation to help balance out the expiration dates of the Board positions. Failure to do this will leave the Board at risk of losing a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge and training at the same time.

KSPE appreciates the Board's proactive communication with our group in advance of drafting this bill, and we encourage you to vote yes on SB 301. I'd be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.