



**KANSAS STATE COUNCIL
SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**



**Written Testimony in Support of SB 73
Sheila Whitson-Fox
Subcommittee February 4, 2013**

Chairman Lynn and members of the Senate Commerce Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information on the SB 73, Workers Compensation

My name is Sheila Whitson-Fox and I have worked in the area of Workers Compensation for over 25 years in the state of Kansas. As an active SHRM member our objective has been to enhance the process and assure there is an even playing field for injured workers and for employers. The changes recommended in SB 73 clarify some of the changes that were made in via HB 2134 in 2011 and assist in defining the reporting structure and health and safety program.

I highly support the clarification that conclusively presumes those persons who are not US citizens nor authorized to work in the United States have no wage loss.

The clarification of a process permitting Administrative Law Judges, who may inadvertently find themselves in an awkward situation and attorneys to have an avenue that can swiftly correct a perceived or real conflict of interest situation is extremely important. While this may be an infrequent situation, the knowledge that the provision exists needs to be supported.

I ask that you thoughtfully review and support this bill. Thank you.