

State of Kansas



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Testimony in support of SB 394

Ensuring transparency in state government contract decisions and other actions

Presented by Susan Wagle, Senate President

Madam Chair and members of the committee:

I appreciate this opportunity to present testimony in support of SB 394. It is our duty as elected officials to ensure that all aspects of the government are fully transparent to the taxpayers of Kansas and that is why this legislation is so important.

SB 394 requires any person lobbying for an action or contract with the executive or judicial branch to register with the Secretary of State's office. Currently, lobbyist registration is only required for those seeking legislative action.

This bill would bring uniformity to all branches of state government by expanding the definition of lobbying to include the lobbying of an executive or judicial agency on any administrative matter.

- "Executive administrative matter" is defined as actions regarding rules and regulations per current law plus utility ratemaking, actions regarding contracts, bid or bid process, financial services agreement, software licensing, servicing or procurement agreement, lease, grant, award, purchasing agreement, procurement decision, loan, bond issue, permit or any other administrative matter
- "Judicial administrative matter" is defined as any action regarding a contract, bid or bid process, financial services agreement, software licensing, servicing or procurement agreement, lease, grant, award, purchasing agreement, procurement decision, loan, bond issue, permit or any other administrative matter
- "Executive agency" means any executive state office or officer, agency, department, board of regents, commission, institution, but not municipalities or other political subdivisions

In order to continue our commitment of government transparency in Kansas, I ask for your support of SB 394.