



Ladies and gentlemen of the committee, my name is Bill Maness and I am the founder and CEO of Syndeo Outsourcing, a Wichita-based Professional Employer Organization (PEO).

We serve Kansas small businesses by outsourcing the human resource functions of a business through the model called co-employment (for the purposes of this bill, the Lessor). Representing over 100 Kansas-based businesses, we have unique experience in dealing with the state unemployment system on behalf of our clients.

One of the areas we find cumbersome is the current language in Section 11 that requires us to file duplicate reports for our clients to accommodate the owners and shareholders (who were prohibited from being a lessee under current statute). This legislation removes that restriction and allows us to cut in half the number of filings we make on behalf of our clients. This is obviously good for the state as well, reducing the number of accounts they must keep track of by shifting the owners and shareholders filed separately into one account for all covered employees.

I support this recommended change and welcome the update to make our company and the state more efficient in reporting data for unemployment payments and claims. Thank you.

Bill Maness  
President & CEO