

**Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 313- SALT Parity Act** Presented by Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs

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Madam Chair and members of the committee, my name is Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 313, which amends the SALT Parity statutes passed by the legislature in 2022.

SB 313 was introduced by the Kansas Society of CPA's after the department of revenue issued what is perceived to be improper guidance from legislation last year on the SALT parity act. The legislature passed a bill last session to address addresses the discrepancy in the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction where small businesses cannot fully deduct their taxes like C-corps due to small businesses filing through an individual's tax return. The SALT cap for individuals is \$10,000, while C-Corps do not have a cap on their deduction.

The CPA's have outlined several inconsistencies of interpretation and those have been expressed to the department of revenue. SB 313 provides changes to clarify the tax liability of owners of pass through entities.

Thank your for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 313 and I'm happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.