



Testimony to Senate Assessment & Taxation Committee
SB 222 PEAK
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Chairperson Tyson and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate this opportunity to testify in support of SB 222. Programs such as PEAK are merely taxpayer subsidies of companies selected by government, with no proven benefit to taxpayers.

This particular program was the subject of a study conducted by then-Washington University professor Nathan Jensen, which contains this stark statement:

“The paper’s main finding is that, when comparing firms receiving PEAK incentives to a similar set of “control” firms, PEAK incentives recipients are statistically not more likely to generate new jobs than similar firms not receiving incentives. A secondary set of findings shows that firms relocating to Kansas, with or without incentives, do not experience job growth at higher rates than existing firms.”¹

Accordingly, we encourage the Committee to support SB 222.

¹ Jensen, Nathan M., Evaluating Firm-Specific Location Incentives: An Application to the Kansas PEAK Program (April 1, 2014). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2431320> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2431320>