

Testimony in Opposition to SB 120

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee.

My name is Billy Gray. I am a single family home builder in Wichita, I entry level and moderately priced move up homes in Wichita and Sedgwick County and have built approximately 1200 homes since I have been in business.

I am here to day to speak in opposition to Senate Bill 120 in consideration of the fact that I, and other builders in our area and throughout the state, are already building home with an emphasis on energy efficiency. And while energy efficiency is important to new home buyers, it is not the only consideration we are giving to making homes as livable as they can be made to be and kept affordable.

I am well aware of what can be done to make homes energy efficient and the harm that can be potentially caused to the occupants of a structure if overdone. In the last 10-15 years the emphasis that has been place on energy efficiency, has result in some marginal increases in efficiency, but resulted in other problems. We now have concerns about home being too tight which has led to concerns about poor indoor quality, and we have all heard concerns about homes being a haven for mold growth of various types.

I am providing you, today, with what we believe should be codified in state statute which is similar to that which is currently required. We ask for you consideration of keeping what is now in place and what is both required and allowed of builders, in lieu of what is proposed in Senate Bill 120.

Thank you.

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