



Date: March 10, 2023
To: Chairman Tarwater and the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
From: The City of Leawood
Re: Opposition to HB 2447, Written Testimony

The City of Leawood appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony opposing HB 2447. Leawood opposes this House Bill and any other limits on a city's home rule authority granted by the Kansas Constitution.

The text of HB 2447 is very short, however, its impact is huge. It would void the City's "Tobacco 21" ordinances barring the sale of tobacco to persons under the age of 21. The bill also appears to impact the City's ability to regulate massage therapists. Additionally, and maybe most importantly, this bill could potentially invalidate City zoning regulations prohibiting the sale of items in certain zones and would even hamper the City's ability to regulate vendors in City parks and other City property.

The City's Governing Body is in the best position to evaluate and address issues such as these and they should be allowed to continue to do so.

The City requests that this bill not be advanced to the full House of Representatives.

Thank you for allowing the City to submit this testimony.