



Date: January 21, 2026
To: Chairman Ken Rahjes, House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
From: Doug Biswell, Kansas Cooperative Council
RE: Proponent Testimony on Pesticide Labeling Legislation

Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Doug Biswell, and I serve on the Executive Council of the Kansas Cooperative Council. I am also the President and CEO of Jackson Farmers, Inc., a full-service cooperative in Holton.

We serve farmers across northeast Kansas by providing pesticides and other crop protection products essential to modern agriculture. Every day, we work with farmers to ensure they select the right products and understand how to use them safely and effectively according to EPA-approved labels.

This legislation provides important clarity for our industry by confirming that pesticides registered with the EPA and labeled according to federal requirements satisfy Kansas warning and labeling obligations. This matters significantly to agricultural retailers to create regulatory certainty and protect access to crop protection tools.

Our cooperatives sell products that have undergone extensive federal review. The EPA's registration process is comprehensive, science-based, and specifically designed to ensure products are safe when used as directed. The labels on these products represent years of research and regulatory scrutiny. When we provide farmers with EPA-registered products bearing EPA-approved labels, we should have confidence that we're meeting our legal obligations.

Inconsistent state-level liability standards create uncertainty that discourages manufacturers from registering products in certain states. This ultimately limits what our cooperatives can offer Kansas farmers. When farmers have fewer options, their ability to manage pests effectively and economically is compromised.

To be clear, this bill does not eliminate manufacturer accountability. Manufacturers remain fully liable for defective products, contamination, failure to follow federal requirements, and any claims unrelated to the EPA-approved warnings.

Our member cooperatives are committed to serving Kansas agriculture responsibly. This legislation supports that mission by providing the regulatory clarity we need to continue offering farmers the products they rely on.

We respectfully urge the committee to support this bill. Thank you for your consideration.