



House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee – January 21, 2026

Proponent testimony on HB2476.

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Chairman Rahjes and Committee,

The members of the Kansas Agricultural Aviation Association are a group of agriculture support industry professionals who serve in key roles protecting and enhancing Kansas agriculture through aerial application of products to address plant, insect, and fungal pests. Our members are regulated by both federal and state agencies with respect to both aviation and agricultural requirements of their operations. They recognize the necessity of these regulatory structures and have a long history of working with state and federal agencies to reach the highest standards of safety and productivity in this field.

The reality of the regulatory environment being comprised of various agencies at federal and state levels requires occasional updates to clarify and prevent potential conflicts in interpretations, procedures, and scope of jurisdictions. The proposed bill addressing the application of federal labeling and warning to state requirements is a good example of a logical step in this area.

The KAAA is in support of this measure as it will give our members clarity and predictability as they provide their professional services in support of Kansas agriculture. Please pass this measure.

Thank you.