



House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

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Testimony in Support of House Bill 2476- Pesticide Labeling

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Mister Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber. The Kansas Chamber represents small, medium and large-sized businesses across the state, advocating for policies which improve the economic climate in Kansas. We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2476, which provides clarity to state law on what constitutes sufficient warning language for pesticide products.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) maintains responsibility for implementing and enforcing the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), which requires approval, registration and labeling requirements of pesticides. States then have the ability to restrict the sale of pesticides, but cannot allow the sale of a pesticide that has been prohibited by FIFRA.

Recently however, state courts have recently awarded verdicts against pesticide manufacturers for their failure to adequately warn consumers. EPA labeling requirements are very restrictive in appearance and content. While historically preemption cases were clear the federal government preempts states, more recent decisions upended that uniformity. In a letter from several state Attorneys General to the EPA, the authors wrote “Different standards in different States under a federal statute designed to impose uniform labeling requirements across the Nation makes no sense.”

We are seeking with the passage of HB 2476 to provide clarity to Kansas law and protect this concept that a duty to warn has been met with the federal regulations surrounding labeling of pesticide products.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 2476, and I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.