

Republican Bill Brief for: HB 2291

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Bill Sponsor: Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

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Bill Title: Creating the regulatory relief division within the office of the attorney general and establishing the general regulatory sandbox program to waive or suspend rules and regulations for program participants.

Bill Carrier: Rep. Patrick Penn

Brief Summary: House Bill 2291 aims to foster innovation and economic growth in Kansas by establishing a Regulatory Relief Division within the Office of the Attorney General. This division would oversee a general regulatory sandbox program, allowing businesses to test new products, services, and business models with temporary waivers or suspensions of certain regulations. The goal is to reduce excessive governmental overreach and provide a controlled environment for innovation while maintaining consumer health and safety standards.

Possible Floor Amendments:

None known at this time.

Proponents:

Americans For Prosperity, Libertas Institute, Utah Gov. of Economic Opportunity, Kansas Chamber

Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Committee Amendments:

The House Commerce Committee reviewed HB 2291 and passed it with amendments.

Fiscal Note:

1-2 FTE's and accompanying payroll costs.

Is this bill ready to run on the floor?

Yes, HB 2291 has been favorably passed out of the House Commerce Committee and is prepared for floor consideration.