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House Bill 2343 Home Based Business Fairness Act Senate Commerce Committee Opponent March 12, 2025

The Kansas County Commissioners Association opposes House Bill 2343. The bill assumes that local rules infringe on the rights of people with home based businesses. I suggest maybe those rules are in place to protect the rights of many others. Maybe all regulations aren't bad.

The Arkansas City City Manager told me a story last week about one of his city's residents who worked a fulltime job during the day but operated a home based business in the evenings installing car stereos. The kind you can hear booming two blocks away. Once he installed the stereos he had to test them. So as his neighbors were going to bed, they had to listen the loud music and booming bass sounds of those stereos. Despite numerous complaints, the city still had a hard time getting that home based business owner to be respectful of his neighbors.

I live in Wyandotte County where we love our fireworks. There's a bill moving the legislature this year which will make it possible for people to sell fireworks year around. If HB 2343 passes, I predict there will be people who decide to open a fireworks business out of their garage and storage shed instead of renting a building with the proper fire safety protections in place. That may work fine until the improperly equipped garage loaded with powerful explosives blows-up and damages other houses in the neighborhood.

These are just two examples of the problems with HB 2343.

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