



Proponent Testimony in Support of SB17

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Chairman Petersen and members of the Committee on Transportation, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 17. This testimony is submitted on behalf of Kansas Sorghum Producers Association (KSP).

The KSP, representing Kansas sorghum farmers who typically generate 50-55% of the U.S. sorghum crop, is a grassroots organization. KSP focuses on enhancing the overall profitability of Kansas sorghum farmers by developing and maintaining domestic and international markets for Kansas and U.S. sorghum. Its nine-member board represents the geographic diversity of Kansas, divided into Northern, Central, and Southern regions.

Each harvest season, Kansas sorghum farmers face unique logistical challenges, especially in transporting grain to storage or market under tight timeframes. Senate Bill 17 would address these challenges by allowing limited, harvest-time weight exemptions for vehicles hauling grain and other agricultural goods. This flexibility helps farmers deliver their crops efficiently while mitigating delays and bottlenecks in the supply chain.

Sorghum is a vital crop in Kansas, contributing significantly to both state and national agricultural economies. By improving transportation efficiency during peak harvest periods, Senate Bill 17 supports farmers in reducing operating costs, ensuring that Kansas sorghum remains competitive in global markets.

Senate Bill 17 offers practical solutions that will improve transportation efficiency and reduce regulatory burdens for Kansas farmers. On behalf of our sorghum producers, thank you for the opportunity to express our support for this bill.
