

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2476

As Amended by House Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

HB 2476, as amended, would amend pesticide labeling requirements under the state Agricultural Chemical Act of 1947, codified at KSA 2-2201 *et seq.* (Act).

The bill would deem a pesticide label as satisfying any requirement for warning or labeling regarding health or safety under the Act, if the pesticide label meets certain criteria:

- Any pesticide registered pursuant to the Act or 7 USC § 136 *et seq.* that conforms to the uniformity requirement in 7 USC § 136v and displays a label that is:
 - Consistent with the most recent human health assessment performed under 7 USC § 136 *et seq.*; or
 - Consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) carcinogenicity classification for the pesticide under 7 USC § 136 *et seq.*

The bill would not preclude any claims or causes of action that are unrelated to product warnings or labeling.

[Note: 7 USC § 136 *et seq.* is the federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (known as FIFRA); 7 USC § 136v prohibits states from imposing additional or different

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labeling requirements; and 40 CFR § 156.10 provides for the federal labeling requirements for pesticide products.]

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of Representative Rahjes.

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association; Kansas Agricultural Aviation Association; Kansas Chamber; Kansas Cooperative Council; Kansas Grain and Feed Association; Kansas Soybean Association; and the Modern Agriculture Alliance. The proponents generally stated that the bill would allow for a predictable and reliable regulatory environment by codifying into law that the EPA is the regulator of pesticide labeling.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers; Kansas Corn Growers Association; Kansas Farm Bureau; Kansas Livestock Association; and Kansas Sorghum Producers.

Opponent testimony was provided by representatives of American Regeneration; Kansas Farmers Union; Kansas Rural Center; Sierra Club Kansas Executive Committee; and Sierra Club—Kansas Chapter. The opponents generally stated the bill would not allow for legal claims to be brought against pesticide companies for product liability claims.

Written-only opponent testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association; Rise for Environmental Justice; a former state legislator; and three private citizens.

The House Committee amended the bill to add language that would not preclude any claims or causes of action that are unrelated to product warnings or labeling.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Department of Agriculture indicates that enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on its operations.

Pesticide; pesticide labeling; agriculture; Agricultural Chemical Act of 1947; FIFRA