



**Kansas Grain and Feed Association  
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association**

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To: House Committee on Agriculture  
From: Randy E. Stookey, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs  
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Re: **Joint Neutral Testimony for HB 2463, amending the Kansas pesticide law's licensure requirements and the Kansas chemigation safety law's permittee requirements.**

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Chairman Highland and members of the committee on agriculture, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2463. This testimony is submitted jointly on behalf of the Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA) and the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA).

KGFA is the state association of the grain receiving, storage, processing and shipping industry in Kansas. KGFA's membership includes over 950 Kansas business locations and represents 99% of the commercially licensed grain storage in the state. KARA is a voluntary trade association that appreciates membership of over 700 agribusiness firms that supply agricultural inputs and services to Kansas farmers.

Kansas pesticide law requires every pesticide business to provide proof of financial responsibility in order to obtain and maintain a license to operate. Currently, such proof of financial responsibility can be furnished through either a surety bond, a letter of credit from a Kansas financial institution, maintenance of a minimum of \$6,000 in an escrow account, or a certificate of liability insurance.

HB 2463 would limit the forms of financial responsibility to only a certificate of liability insurance for all pesticide business license renewals on or after January 1, 2021.

Kansas pesticide law also establishes the circumstances under which the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture may deny, suspend, revoke or modify the provisions of a license, registration, permit or certificate.

HB 2463 would remove from those list of circumstances, any applicant who: has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony, when that person has not been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust; or, has had any license, certificate, registration, or permit issued to the person under the Kansas pesticide law, or the pest control laws of any other state, revoked.

Our associations have reviewed the proposed changes in the bill. While the bill is relevant to our industry, we appear neutral on the bill as neither of the provisions in the bill would significantly impact Kansas agribusiness.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to testify neutral on HB 2463.