



Kansas Grain & Feed Association
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association
Renew Kansas Biofuels Association

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To: House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
From: Randy Stookey, Senior Vice President & General Counsel
Re: **Neutral Written Testimony on House Bill 2087, limiting review of certain rules and regulations by the Budget Director**

Chairman Barker and members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2087. This testimony is being submitted jointly by the Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA), Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA), and Renew Kansas Biofuels Association.

KGFA is the state association of the grain receiving, storage, processing and shipping industry in Kansas. KGFA's membership represents 99% of the commercially licensed grain storage in the state. KARA is a trade association of over 700 agribusiness firms that supply fertilizers, crop protection products, seed, petroleum products, and agronomic services to Kansas farmers. Renew Kansas is the trade association of the Kansas biofuels industry.

Broadly, members of these associations operate in the area of agribusiness, which is an important but highly-regulated industry. Most regulations are necessary and proper. However, because regulations have the full force and effect of law, the process of adopting regulations should be deliberate and fully transparent to the regulated industry.

In 2018, the Kansas legislature passed House Bill 2280 which, principally, was intended to increase the transparency of the fiscal impact of proposed regulations. As the economic impact of proposed regulations is something that must be analyzed carefully, our members strongly supported the passage of that legislation.

It is our understanding that following passage of that legislation, the work load of the Budget Director became overwhelming. Also, that Director's office was being required to review certain sets of regulations more than once.

For that reason, this bill seeks to make changes to the review process. We agree that changes could be made to the process to alleviate some of the duties on the Budget Director, and appear neutral on this bill today.

Thank you for allowing us to present our thoughts on this bill.