



Federal and State Affairs Committee
Topic: HB: 2184
Hearing Date: February, 24, 2021
From: The Kansas Cannabis Coalition

To the Committee Members and the Chair,

Having organized to provide collective support of the individual work of our member organizations, as well as to form cooperative efforts to promote beneficial reform in our state, the Kansas Cannabis Coalition is grateful for this hearing on HB: 2184.

Although each of our member organizations has their own individual mission statements, our collective goal is to see our state and her citizens realize and fully benefit from the updating and modernization of Kansas policy that would bring our state inline with the large majority of the other states and allow Kansas to be economically competitive, as well as provide much needed relief to our citizens.

Today, we present you the intersecting circles of patient, industry and state interests. These three interests thrive or suffer together and cannot be separated. It is a matter of history and record that many states that have gone before us made serious policy missteps that harmed all three interests. These were harmful missteps in economic as well as human costs. It is our desire to see Kansas learn from the mistakes of others and to not repeat them here at home. Herein, we strive to highlight our preeminent priorities and recommendations.

1. The full protection of patients from discrimination and the full preservation of all of their rights.
2. Allowing medical providers to make treatment protocol decisions for patients without excessive fetters and limitations not demanded for any other medication.
3. A Free Market business climate that delivers unhindered patient access, adequate product supply to the market, comprehensive access for all Kansans to economic opportunity and entrepreneurship at all levels of entry.
4. Thorough oversight from a singular entity, rather than multiple agencies, so as to minimize overhead costs to the state and prevent avoidable complexities and snares to the smooth rollout and management of this program.
5. All necessary authority to the oversight agency to revise and update regulations with agility and an immediate responsiveness to the market, the needs of the patients and the needs of the industry.
6. To allow and foster a legal market that deeply curbs the illicit market by authorizing efficient cannabis production and distribution, including licensed and regulated patient home cultivation, so that geographically isolated or low-income patients will not be priced out of the commercial market and therefore forced to purchase via the illicit market.

The Kansas Cannabis Coalition is grateful for the opportunity to testify based on our cumulative years of knowledge within the realms of public policy, the cannabis industry, cannabis medicine and cannabis patient advocacy. We are happy to provide resources and to answer questions.

The Kansas Cannabis Coalition

- Frontier Peace
- Kansas Cannabis Patient Association
- Planted Association of Kansas
- Kansans for Hemp
- Kansas NORML
- Kansas Nurses for Medical Cannabis
- KC Hemp Co.
- Kansas Republicans for Medical Cannabis
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy- University of Kansas Chapter
- Human Solution Foundation
- Kansas for Change

