

Written Only Proponent Testimony in support of HB 2103:

Creating the Kansas pesticide waste disposal program and allowing up to \$50,000 to be transferred annually from the Kansas agricultural remediation fund to a new Kansas pesticide waste disposal fund.

Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

Joint Testimony by the Kansas Corn Growers Association, Kansas Sorghum Producers Association, Kansas Soybean Association, and the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers

Good morning Chairman Kerschen and members of the committee, the members of Corn, Grain Sorghum, Soybeans and Wheat Kansas Commodity Associations stand in support of this bill which seeks to amend the agricultural and specialty chemical remediation act. The remediation fund receives no money from the state general fund and is wholly financed by agricultural businesses that support Kansas corn producers.

HB 2103 would allow the remediation fund to help pay for the safe collection and disposal of pesticide waste materials. Our members and input suppliers strive to dispose of associated waste (containers, unused agricultural inputs, etc.) using environmentally friendly and economical methods. This bill will provide much needed financial resources to develop systems to ensure that proper disposal methods are met. There is adequate funding in the remediation fund for this proposed expenditure. Most importantly, since the fund is financed by agricultural businesses, it is appropriate to utilize these funds for these purposes.

Thank you once again for allowing us to provide this testimony on behalf of Kansas producers.

