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Bill Number & Topic Title:

- SB560- Interim Committee Meeting to Discuss the Passage of Medical Marijuana Legislation in Kansas

Disposition: Proponent, Opponent, or Neutral:

- Proponent

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- ORAL in-person testimony

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Name of interest represented (self or name of organization):

- Kanha Technology Solutions

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

My name is Orland Yee, President, and CEO of Kanha Technology Solutions, and I am writing as a proponent for SB 560 in support of the passage of medical marijuana for Kansans. Kanha is a software solution company that has spent the last eight years developing and running what is commonly referred to as “seed-to-sale tracking” software. In the scope of the cannabis industry, seed-to-sale tracking is what allows both businesses, and state government, to “track and trace” every aspect of the plant as it makes its way from a seed to flower or an infused product (think edible brownies, tinctures, capsules, etc.) and into patient’s hands.

Doing things the “Kansas way” is what you all do best. So when we look at other states that have gone through legalization and we see advantages such as lowered crime rates and a benefit to the public good through the collection of cannabis taxes, imagine just how much further we can take those benefits with the right bill.

For an example of cannabis revenue being used for the common good, the State of Colorado spends half of the cannabis revenue on Health Care and Substance Abuse Prevention.

Another quarter goes to fund School Facility Renewal, and the remaining quarter goes into the: State Public School Fund, General Fund (Prisons, Courts, Public Assistance), and Local Governments.

In 2021, this tax collection represented \$423M being allocated for these projects for the common good.

To implement the cannabis rollout in the State of Kansas, a good system of track and trace is necessary to ensure complete public security.

Tack and Trace systems ensure oversight of the entire supply chain, verification of product purity, and complete track and trace from the grower, to the manufacturer or processor, to the dispensary, and finally to the end-user consumer.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for your time, hard work, and commitment to good legislation. I will remain available for questions throughout today's committee meeting and will be available within the walls of the capitol building for further questions, demonstrations, and general assistance for the remainder of the day, as well as at the cocktail reception to follow. Additionally, I can make myself available for in-person meetings tomorrow (October 20th) and virtual meetings in perpetuity.

Respectfully,

- Orland Yee