



**Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association
Senate Commerce Committee
Written Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 154
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On behalf of the Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Association, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on S.B. 154. The KRHA stands in strong support of this legislation.

The Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association represents members who employ over 137,000 Kansans. We are one of the primary tax collectors for the state, collecting more than \$424 million as an industry. A well functioning unemployment insurance program is vitally important to our members

We have concerns about the current system that places a burden on positive balance employers and creates an unpredictable business tax from time to time. Our members are interested in replacing what, at its core, is structurally flawed system and supports moving from an arrayed to a fixed system. Creating a business environment that is stable and predictable will benefit all business both large and small.

Creating an unemployment tax system that is less expensive, more predictable and understandable for our industry would benefit our industry and the state on the whole. It would allow us to better invest in operations and the communities in which we live.

We urge the Committee report S.B. 154 favorable for passage.