



Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association

Opposition Testimony for SB 167

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On behalf of the Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Association, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on Senate Bill 167. The KRHA stands in opposition 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 regulatory program is vitally important to our members.

The Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Association Self Insurance Fund (KRHASIF), was formed in 1990 to help provide members excellent service and competitive pricing on their Workers' Compensation insurance. In 2015 KRHASIF will provide workers compensation insurance to over 800 locations and take care of more than 40,000 employees should they be injured in the scope and course of employment for those businesses. In the Hospitality business, people are our most important asset. A healthy, happy, and well-trained work force is of utmost importance when serving the public in such a fast moving and competitive environment. Safety is top priority for every member business, both in the food we serve the public and in means we use to deliver it to them.

KRHASIF supports all aspects of the reform bill passed in 2011. Part of that reform called for movement from the American Medical Association's (AMA) 4th edition, which is over 20 years old, to the 6th. Obviously the 6th edition is going to be more reflective of the current advances in the medical profession and as such should set the standards for proper work comp benefit analysis.

We urge you to vote no to SB 167.

Sincerely,

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