

KRHA  
Opposition Testimony SB 197  
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The Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association opposes SB 197. We specifically oppose adding data collections burdens on our Kansas businesses. Kansas business currently has to comply with numerous obligations; proper business formation, securing food licensing, securing alcohol licensing, securing local permits, compliance with proper hiring practices, complying with many employment practices, workplace safety, collecting point of sales state taxes, annual reporting, and the list goes on and on.

The KRHA often advocates for better balancing the regulatory pressures against maintaining a business that can make a profit. As an example, our industry collects over \$100,000,000 of state sales tax, but, unlike other states, we can't get a remittance credit for the hassle. Kansas will pay other states a remittance credit under the streamlined sales tax agreement, but can't find the money to better balance our burdens. We think adding an additional burden while not compensating us for the current obligations is a bridge too fragile and too far.

KRHA welcomes new development the STAR Bonds act has provided. We would request removing this language:

*n) (1) On and after July 1, 2026, all entities located in a STAR bond district that use a point-of-sale system, including, but not limited to, any nonprofit entity, shall collect visitor data entered at the point of sale and transfer such data to the secretary on a quarterly basis. Any such data shall:*

*(A) Be collected in an aggregate manner without personally identifiable information; and*

*(B) include, but not be limited to, visitor residence zip code data, including cash sales.*

*(2) The secretary shall make such visitor data publicly available on the department's website within 90 days of being received by the secretary. Such publicly available data shall include a calculation by the secretary of the number of in-state and out-of-state visitors to the STAR bond project each quarter.*

*(3) As used in this subsection, "point-of-sale system" means any combination of a cash register, ledger or other device or system, such as a scanner capable of recovering stored information related to visitor data and the price or computing the price of any individual item that is sold or offered for sale at retail.*

With this language included, we oppose SB 197.