



Testimony on H.B. 2356
Kansas House Commerce and Labor Committee
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Kansas Soybean Association

Chairman Hutton and members of the House Commerce and Labor Committee, the Kansas Soybean Association appreciates the opportunity to present written testimony in opposition to H.B. 2356.

The Kansas Soybean Association represents soybean producers from all over Kansas and respectfully requests Committee members to vote no on H.B. 2356.

Kansas grain elevators are reporting that many of the provisions required in H.B. 2356 would be extremely burdensome and costly to implement, even impossible in some cases due to the architectural challenges presented by the measure.

For those businesses that perhaps could comply, the accompanying additional expenses are predicted to be between \$50,000 to \$100,000.

It is certainly not a stretch in logic to anticipate these additional onerous costs would be passed through to agricultural customers of country elevators, including soybean farmers.

It doesn't seem prudent, in these days of agricultural economy challenges and sluggish commodity prices, to risk adding more dollars and regulations for rural Kansas business and farmers.

By the way, Kansas grain elevators already have duplicative layers of regulation through the Occupational Safety and Health Act, insurance companies, local governments and warehouse inspectors.

Again, the Kansas Soybean Association respectfully asks Committee members to vote no on H.B. 2356.

Respectfully submitted,

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