

Written Testimony in Support of HB 2563
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Chairman John Barker and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 2563 on behalf of the Kansas State Board of Education.

The Kansas State Board of Education has developed a Legislative Agenda for the 2020 session of the Kansas Legislature. One major item on that agenda is to support legislation that addresses the significant issues related to vaping. As we visit with schools across the state we find that there is an alarming increase in vaping and also addiction associated with vaping.

We see this bill as a good start but would also support stronger measures in the event that the legislature was inclined to include all flavors, including menthol. We would favor any legislation that would make it less attractive for young people to be tempted to begin this destructive behavior.

Again, we thank you for moving in this positive direction and thank you for your support of HB 2563.