

HB2644
Sandhill Plum For Kansas State Fruit
House Federal and State Affairs Committee
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Proponent

Hello! Thank you Chairman Barker for letting me speak to you today. I also want to thank the other representatives present.

I am Selah Aberle. I am here to represent the Sabetha Elementary School 4th Grade.

I am a proponent of House Bill 2644. I believe the Sandhill Plum should be the State Fruit of the great state of Kansas. One reason is that about 30 other states have a state fruit. We don't want Kansas to fall behind! There are many uses for this special fruit including things like sweet jams, jellies, and wine. This fruit is found in most areas of Kansas. It is also native to our state. Although I don't care for most jellies, many other people do, and they would be proud to have the State Fruit on their toast.

My own family has a history with the Sandhill Plum. My Great Grandmother went picking wild Sandhill Plum's in Barber County Kansas. She would then make Sandhill Plum jelly for the whole family. Even though I never got to taste her jelly, I cherish this story because it shows how special the Sandhill Plum can be to people in Kansas.

Thank you for allowing me to testify before you today. Through many schools work on this bill, I have learned you are very busy people, but you are also very kind to let us testify before you about this bill. I would like you to please vote YES for the Sandhill Plum to be our State Fruit.