



January 31, 2023

Madame Chair and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce and our nearly 1,500 members, thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of S.B. 43, AN ACT concerning cities and counties; prohibiting the regulations of consumer merchandise and of auxiliary containers that are designed for the consumption, transportation or protection of consumer merchandise.

S.B. 47 would prohibit municipalities from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, resolution or regulation that restricts, taxes, prohibits or otherwise regulates the use, disposition, or sale of auxiliary containers or consumer merchandise. The bill includes definitions for auxiliary container and consumer merchandise. The bill would take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

The Chamber stands in strong support of this legislation as a matter of supporting public policies that keep Kansas as competitive as possible when it comes to recruiting and retaining jobs. The Chamber supports uniform regulation across the state whereby firms doing business in Kansas with multiple locations are assured of a regulatory scheme that is both understandable and predictable. Cities creating a patchwork of regulations causes confusion and increases the cost of doing business in the state.

With this mind, we respectfully request that the Committee report S.B. 47 favorable for passage.

Thank you and I am happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Very truly yours,

Jason P. Watkins