



Date of Testimony: Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Bill Number: HB 2446 - Prohibiting cities and counties from regulating plastic and other containers designed for the consumption, transportation or protection of merchandise, food, or beverages.

Disposition: Opponent; Written only Testimony

From: Martha Pint, League of Women Voters of Kansas, President

To: Chair Senator Thompson and members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

The League of Women Voters of Kansas request that you oppose HB 2446 and uphold Home Rule by voting no.

- HB 2446 violates the home rule provision of the Kansas Constitution; Art. 12 Secs 5(b) and 5(d).
- Most solid waste management companies will not accept plastic bags for recycling programs because they are lightweight, difficult to handle and tend to ruin or clog automatic sorting machines.
- Most plastic bags either end up in landfills or loose in the environment causing physical harm to plants, wildlife and storm drain systems as well as creating pollution toxic to fish and aquatic life when in streams and water ways.
- In all cases, constituents look to local governments to deal with solid waste issues. Each local government should maintain the right to determine what is good for their community regarding plastic pollution and how to manage the related expenses to their communities.

We ask you to vote NO on HB 2446.

v

League of Women Voters of Kansas

PO BOX 2366, Topeka, KS 66601 • 785-234-5152 • www.lwvk.org • president@lwvk.org