



**Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Neutral Written Only Testimony on Senate Bill 555
Presented by William Wilk, Senior Director of Government Affairs**

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Mister Chair and members of the committee, my name is William Wilk, Senior Director of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber. The Kansas Chamber represents small, medium, and large-sized businesses across the state advocating for policies to improve the economic climate in Kansas. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to submit neutral testimony on Senate Bill 555, creating a medical cannabis pilot program.

In the past on medical cannabis issues, the Kansas Chamber has expressed concerns over bill language preventing businesses from enforcing their own drug testing policies. After reviewing SB 555, we feel the language addressing employers in *New Section 24* of the bill is sufficient in protecting the ability of an employer to determine drug testing standards of their choosing.

Employers make operation decisions day in and day out, and safety is always of the utmost importance. We believe employers should have the right to enact their own drug policies specific to medical marijuana patients.

In closing, we ask the language remains as is in *New Section 24* of the bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit neutral testimony on Senate Bill 555, and I am happy to answer any questions you might have at the appropriate time.