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GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

REGARDING VETO OF HOUSE BILL 2446

I believe in local control and that local officials should be held accountable by their constituents, stakeholders, and businesses. This bill lacks sufficient protection to ensure local units of government are able to play a meaningful role in decision making on issues impacting their communities.

Therefore, under Article 2, Section 14(a) of the Constitution, I hereby veto House Bill 2446.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

BY THE GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura Kelly", written over a horizontal line.

DATED

A handwritten date in blue ink, "April 12, 2024", written over a horizontal line.

HOUSE BILL No. 2446

AN ACT concerning cities and counties; prohibiting the regulation of plastic and other containers designed for the consumption, transportation or protection of merchandise, food or beverages.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. As used in sections 1 and 2, and amendments thereto:

(a) "Auxiliary container" means:

(1) A plastic straw; or

(2) without limitation, a bag, cup, package, container, bottle, device or other packaging:

(A) Made of cloth, paper, plastic, foamed plastic, expanded plastic, cardboard, corrugated material, aluminum, glass, postconsumer recycled material or similar coated or laminated material; and

(B) designed for the consumption, transportation or protection of merchandise, food or beverage at a manufacturing, distribution or processing facility or a food service or retail establishment.

(b) "Food service establishment" means an establishment that prepares or serves food for sale to the public.

(c) "Municipality" means a city, county or unified government.

(d) "Retail establishment" means any retail establishment, including, but not limited to, a grocery store, supermarket, convenience store, liquor store, dry cleaning establishment, pharmacy, drug store, hardware store, clothing store or department store.

Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided under subsection (b), a municipality shall not adopt or enforce an ordinance, resolution or regulation that restricts, taxes, imposes a charge or fee upon, prohibits or otherwise regulates the use, disposition or sale of auxiliary containers.

(b) A municipality may:

(1) Operate a recycling, composting or solid waste disposal program; or

(2) regulate the use of auxiliary containers on property owned or maintained by the municipality.

(c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit or restrict a municipality from:

(1) Passing or enforcing a general state or general local sales and use tax;

(2) restricting the use of glass containers on property owned or maintained by the municipality based on public safety concerns;

(3) prohibiting littering; or

(4) setting reasonable standards for the regulation of alcohol possession as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*

Passed the SENATE \_\_\_\_\_

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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*Governor.*