

Kansas Agricultural Aviation Association

Comments on SB287 – February 14, 2018

Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

Chairman Kerschen and members of the Committee,

Kansas Agricultural Aviation Association members operate in Kansas under pesticide business licenses and applicator certificates issued by the Department of Agriculture. We recognize the need for an efficient system of license renewal that may require the imposition of late fees and understand the rationale for the introduction of SB287 by KDA.

KAAA is generally in favor of the provisions in this bill, however, as it became apparent that the imposition of late fees was not to be “across the board” for all sectors of KDA licensees, we feel it necessary to advocate for an amendment that would provide for uniform application of late fees. We feel that amending SB287 to treat all licensees equitably is necessary for the bill to gain our full support.

We concur with an amendment that would address the situation of pesticide business licensees who fall under multiple categories and would be uniquely impacted by the compounding of late fees.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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