



To: Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee  
Subject: Written Proponent Testimony on H.B. 2432 – Creating the Kansas pesticide waste disposal program and allowing up to \$50,000 to be transferred annually from the Kansas agriculture remediation fund to a new Kansas pesticide waste disposal fund  
Date: March 12, 2020

Chairman Kerschen and members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony in support of H.B. 2432 on behalf of the Kansas Soybean Association (KSA). KSA represents Kansas soybean farmers on legislative and regulatory issues.

Kansas was 10<sup>th</sup> in state soybean production at 186 million bushels in 2019. The Kansas Department of Agriculture reports that oilseeds, mainly soybeans, in Kansas have a direct economic output of more than \$1.28 billion and provide more than 1,000 jobs. Adding induced impacts, the oilseed industry supports over 4,000 jobs and creates a total economic contribution of \$1.8 billion.

KSA supports H.B. 2432, which amends the agricultural and specialty chemical remediation act. The Kansas agriculture remediation fund receives no state general fund money and is completely financed by agricultural businesses supporting the state's soybean producers.

H.B. 2432 would allow the agricultural remediation fund to help finance the safe collection and disposal of pesticide waste materials. KSA members and those who supply their inputs strive to dispose of associated waste utilizing environmentally friendly methods.

This bill will provide needed financial resources to develop approaches to insure that proper disposal systems are maintained that provide safe and effective results. There are adequate resources in the remediation fund for the needed expenditures.

Once again, KSA respectfully urges the Committee to report H.B. 2432 favorably for passage.

Respectfully submitted,

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