

To:Senate Assesment and Judiciary Committee
From: Robin Tummons,President, Owner Mission Pawn
Date: February 5, 2019
Re: Opposition to SB46, Concerning Pawnbrokers and Precious Metal dealers; relating to recovery of misappropriated property, procedures and remedies

Mr.Chairman and members of the committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opposition to Senate Bill 46.

My family has owned and operated Mission Pawn in Mission Kansas for 25 years. We provide small collateral loans to a variety of customers. We also purchase goods and help with estates. We enjoy a good working relationship with our local police department and surrounding municipalities. We also have worked with the KBI and secret service in the past. Please realize that less than 1% of items handled have ownership issues(which is the national average).When we experience a situation that we question, we don't hesitate to alert the police or business that we feel may be victimized. We have alerted and worked together to stop counterfeit items from being sold on Craig's List. We have worked with the DA office to determine authenticity of items in the prosecuting process. We want all victims to adequately recover their items. However, SB 46 takes away the Pawnbrokers "due process". Currently we require valid identification and address upon each transaction and the pledger signs a legal ticket claiming 100% ownership of item presented. We do not want to be put in the position to determine ownership. We also don't believe it's the police's responsibility to determine ownership. With the current system all victims get heard in court by a judge. The Pawnbroker gets added to the victim list. Having multiple people claim ownership, insurance fraud, and false ownership claims are all situations we do not want to be responsible or liable for- nor being responsible for handing out customers personal information (laptops,phones,etc). We believe in the court system with its various checks and balances.

Please also note the 1989 opinion of the attorney general also provided.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Robin Tummons

Mission Pawn