

HB2244  
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Chairman Kerschen and members of the committee

My name is Nick Reinecker from Inman Kansas and I am an opponent to this bill because it does not reflect, what I believe to be, sound public policy for the state of Kansas, regardless of Federal Farm Bill constitutional repugnancy.

It seems Kansas is trying to win the prize for 'best way to grow government' when considering cannabis. The legislature has done its sausage grinding extra fine on this green leafy substance by turning it into 3 different definitions. Industrial hemp, if you don't grow it too long or too stressed, medical marijuana being currently considered that exerts Kansas's 10th amendment right against federal overreach and marijuana, which of course is the "scary" name used once certain chemical levels are reached that provides a camel toe in the door of any passing motorist or pedestrian for law enforcement involving search and seizure 4th amendment issues.

I am angry that my tax dollars are being used to do exactly the opposite of what some of you espouse as political principles. Limited government, individual liberty, state's rights, compassion, equity, all dogmatic phrases used each election cycle and then seemingly tossed away for another couple years, depending on the issue, until needed again. Then more taxpayer money being spent on hempless paper for printing, time spent on hearings and regulation development and the continued use of Law Enforcement and Public Health resources continuing to attack what should be a nutraceutical akin to the common carrot, cucumber or coffee bean.

Farmers in Kansas should not have to be unduly burdened by this and when it comes to cannabis of any type there needs to be zero prohibition and only rudimentary regulation.

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Thank you

Nick Reinecker