

Written Only Proponent Testimony in support of HB 2432:

Creating the Kansas pesticide waste disposal program and allowing up to \$50,000 to be transferred annually from the Kansas agricultural remediation fund to a new Kansas pesticide waste disposal fund.

Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

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Good morning Chairman Kerschen and members of the committee, my name is Josh Roe, and I am with the Kansas Corn Growers Association (KCGA). KCGA represents more than 1,200 members on state and national levels on legislative and regulatory issues and actively works with other organizations to maximize the voice of Kansas corn producers.

KCGA stands in support of this bill which seeks to amend the agricultural and specialty chemical remediation act. The remediation fund receives no money from the state general fund and is wholly financed by agricultural businesses that support Kansas corn producers.

HB 2432 would allow the remediation fund to help pay for the safe collection and disposal of pesticide waste materials. Our members and input suppliers strive to dispose of associated waste (containers, unused agricultural inputs, etc.) using environmentally friendly and economical methods. This bill will provide much needed financial resources to develop systems to ensure that proper disposal methods are met. There is adequate funding in the remediation fund for this proposed expenditure. Most importantly, since the fund is financed by agricultural businesses, it is appropriate to utilize these funds for these purposes.

Thank you once again for allowing me to provide this testimony on behalf of our members.

