

**Testimony on HB 2761  
to  
The House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee**

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Chairman Powell and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity for the Kansas Department of Agriculture to appear today in support of House Bill 2761. This is the “trailer bill” that cleans up all statutory references to agencies and programs that came to the department through Executive Reorganization Order 40 in 2011.

The ERO established the Division of Animal Health; the Agriculture Marketing and Promotions Program and the Division of Conservation in the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The changes made by this bill ensure that the statutes reference the new and correct names of those divisions. It changes, for instance, “livestock commissioner” to “animal health commissioner,” which more accurately describes the role of the person in charge of the animal health division. It changes, where appropriate, “state conservation commission” to “Kansas department of agriculture division of conservation.” And, it changes all references in the agriculture marketing program from the Kansas Department of Commerce to the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

The changes in this bill are technical in nature and will allow us to continue to move forward with the charges put forward by ERO 40.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill. I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.