

SESSION OF 2020

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2625**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

**Brief\***

HB 2625, as amended, would prohibit a “municipality,” which would be defined by the bill to mean a city, county, or unified government, from enacting or enforcing any ordinance, resolution, regulation, policy, charge, fee, or tax relating to single-use items made from “plastic,” as that term would be defined by the bill, polystyrene products, and paper carryout bags used by retail stores, food service establishments, and their customers. The bill would void municipalities’ policies that were adopted prior to July 1, 2020. The bill would sunset on July 1, 2025.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development at the request of Representative Tarwater.

In the House Committee hearing, representatives of Envision, Kansas Chamber, Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association, Kansas Retail Council, and the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce provided proponent testimony, stating the growth of community initiatives will cause an inconsistent approach to product regulation and many retailers have sustainability goals in place. Representatives from the Kansas Beverage Association, the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Kansas, and the Retail Grocers Association provided written-only proponent testimony.

Representatives of Faith in Action, Kansas Sierra Club, and the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) and several individuals spoke in opposition to the bill, stating the legislation would adversely affect local control and environmental quality and threaten livestock. Written-only opponent testimony was provided by several individuals and by representatives of the cities of Lawrence, Merriam, Mission, Overland Park, Prairie Village, and Westwood Hills; LETUS; and Bag Free Wichita.

A representative of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment provided neutral testimony, explaining the bill would conflict with the State's solid-waste planning law (KSA 65-3405) that cities and counties are required to follow.

The House Committee amended the bill to sunset its provisions on July 1, 2025.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Association of Counties and LKM state the legislation would have a negligible fiscal effect, but the bill would eliminate local governments' ability to tax the specified products.