



**THE KANSAS
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HB 2316

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Senate Commerce Committee

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The Kansas Chamber and its over 10,000 members support the proposed changes set out in HB 2316. As drafted, the bill will amend K.S.A. 44-314 so that Kansas employers would have the ability to designate the payment methodologies they believe are in the best interest of the company and would add a payroll debit card an acceptable means of payment.

In today's competitive environment, Kansas businesses are constantly searching for ways to streamline their business practices and cut expenses. One such way in which Kansas businesses are cutting costs is by reducing their use of paper and moving to paperless systems. Consider how businesses file the majority of their documents electronically or how everyone communicates through e-mail and text messaging. No where has there been more advancement in paperless systems than in the area of electronic commerce. Today, we pay bills electronically, buy our groceries with debit cards and even pay for the Kansas turnpike electronically. All because it reduces the amount of paper work and enhances the efficiency of business.

As drafted, HB 2316 affords Kansas employers the ability to establish a more efficient payroll system as well as providing employees with a safer, more reliable compensation system. Though not all employers will designate to go with an electronic payment system, it will afford those who do the ability to implement paperless systems and save thousands of dollars a year. While the introduction of HB 2316 was requested by the private sector, it would allow the public sector the same benefits of going to a complete paperless payroll system.

The Kansas Chamber respectfully request you pass HB 2316 favorably.