

## Connie Bahner

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Good afternoon, Connie,

On behalf of the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition, I provided neutral testimony on HB2269. I received questions from the Committee regarding the statistics relating to youth vaping use in Kansas. Here is that information – would you please share with Committee members.

### **Information on youth tobacco and e-cigarette use in Kansas.**

- Preventing young people from using tobacco products is critical, since tobacco use is typically initiated during adolescence.
- Approximately 900 kids in Kansas become regular smokers each year;
- 61,000 kids currently under 18 and alive in Kansas will die early from premature smoking;
- Approximately 54 percent of daily adult smokers in Kansas started smoking daily by age 18; and 94 percent started by age 25

As of 2020:

- More than one in four (25.8%) of Kansas high school students report using at least one tobacco product (cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars or smokeless tobacco).
- 22% of Kansas high school students currently use e-cigarettes
- Nearly half (48.6%) of Kansas high school students have tried e-cigarettes.

### **REFERENCES:**

[Youth-Tobacco-Use-in-Kansas-PDF \(ks.gov\)](#)  
[Kansas Tobacco Control Strategic Plan 2021-2025](#)

Please let members know I would be happy to respond to any additional questions!

Thank you,

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