

Message from the Governor

Recent indicators show the economic recovery in Kansas is underway, yet remains fragile. As I set forth in my Roadmap for Kansas, now is the time for government to get out of the way by reducing spending, cutting taxes, and returning to its core functions. Only when the state's economic role is limited to maintaining a fair and safe playing field for all can the resourcefulness, ingenuity, and hard work of Kansans in every field of labor be fully realized. Now is not the time to add layer after layer of regulatory fees, burdensome certification requirements, barriers to entry, and bureaucracy to our economy.

While SB353 deals only with one business, it is a clear example of the steady growth of state power over economic activity. By vetoing SB353, I intend not only to prevent this small increase of government interference in the marketplace, but also to send the clear message that Kansas will not accept unnecessary government burdens on the free market. It is time to take the parking brake off of the dynamic economic engine that is the Kansas spirit, which if unleashed, will generate growth and prosperity for all.

Therefore, pursuant to Article 2, Section 14(a) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, I hereby veto SB 353.

Signed on April 4, 2012

Sam Brownback
Governor