

KS Lawmakers Consider Legalizing Medical Marijuana

**TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Kansas lawmakers are considering legalizing medical marijuana for certain medical conditions.**

**The Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee heard the bill Monday. If it passes, Kansas would join 28 other states that have some type of medical marijuana program.**

**Supporters say medical marijuana could help patients who have exhausted available medicine options. Melissa Ragsdale, whose 7-year-old son suffers from seizures, told the committee industrial hemp cannabidiol helped her son but it only stops certain seizures and that broader access could help.**

**Supporters also say marijuana would be better than potentially harmful prescription narcotics.**

**Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police Lobbyist Ed Klumpp argues marijuana should go through a vetting process like other prescription drugs. He says legalizing usage for some people makes stopping illegal marijuana use more difficult.**

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