

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sharon Schwartz at 3:30pm on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Basil Dannebohm – Excused

Representative Sydney Carlin – Excused

Representative Sue Boldra – Excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department

Joanna Wochner, Legislative Research Department

Shirley Jepson, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Natalie Scott, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Greg Foley, Department of Agriculture

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Hearing on: HB2278 — Removing reference to the association of official analytical chemists in agricultural liming materials provisions.**

Natalie Scott, Revisor, provided an overview of the bill, explaining that the bill amend current law by striking the language referencing the association of official analytical chemists and simply provide that the methods used will be prescribed in rules and regulations by the secretary of agriculture ([Attachment 1](#)).

Greg Foley, Division of Conservation, Department of Agriculture, appeared before the Committee in support of **HB2278** ([Attachment 2](#)). Mr. Foley explained that the Department is in the process of updating the regulations governing agricultural lime testing protocol to match that of Kansas State University Soils Testing Laboratory, indicating that the testing laboratory calculation is a more accurate method than the current State of Kansas' written regulation.

Responding to questions from the Committee, Mr. Foley indicated that rules and regulations will be written by the agency if the legislation is enacted by the Legislature.

There were no other conferees to appear before the Committee.

The hearing on **HB2278** was closed.

**Discussion & possible action on: HB2231 — Eliminating the annual licensing fee for any gas well used to strictly heat a dwelling or other structure.**

Natalie Scott, Revisor, provided a brief explanation of **HB2231** noting that legislation amends provisions relating to licensing and fees for oil and gas well operators, who are operating one or more

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wells for personal use for the purpose of heating a residential dwelling or any other structure located on the premises.

The Committee noted that testimony given during the hearing indicated there is some concern with the long term effort in safety and enforcement.

Representative Lusker moved to recommend **HB 2231** favorable for passage. Motion was seconded by Representative Hildabrand. Motion carried on a 11-6 vote.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for February 19, 2015.