

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Hedke at 9:00 am on Friday, February 20, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Tony Barton – Absent  
Representative Randy Powell – Absent

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department  
Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department  
Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Donola Fairbanks, Substitute Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Hearing on: HB2131 — Abandoned oil and gas well fund.**

Chairman Hedke opened the hearing on **HB2131**.

Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes presented a Bill Brief. ([Attachment 1](#)) Following this, he stood for questions.

Ryan A. Hoffman, Director, Conservation Division, KCC and Patrick Shields, Abandoned Well Plugging Supervisor, Conservation District, KCC presented joint testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)) They stood for questions following their testimony.

Chairman Hedke closed the hearing on **HB2131**.

The committee voted to suspend House Rule 1308(a) (which requires that a committee wait a day after hearing a bill before working it). *Rep. Whitmer moved the committee pass **HB2131** favorably, Rep. Corbet seconded.* The committee discussed several options regarding **HB2131**, but ultimately offered no amendments to the bill, *and passed it favorably.*

Chairman Hedke adjourned the meeting at 9:51 am.