



To: Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Sen. Larry Powell, Chair

From: Greg Krissek, Kansas Corn Growers Association

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Re: **HB 2059**- an act concerning water; related to the diversion of water

Chairman Powell and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House Bill 2059. My name is Greg Krissek. I am providing this testimony in my role as CEO of the Kansas Corn Growers Association (KCGA.) KCGA represents Kansas corn producers on a variety of issues that concern our members.

HB 2059 simply adds augmentation as a tool for the Chief Engineer to utilize in order to meet the needs of a senior water right should an impairment be found. There are scenarios where this augmentation may be the best solution for all parties in a basin. There is a basin that currently has an ongoing impairment investigation in which augmentation would be a viable option should an impairment be found. This bill should not provide an incentive for the Chief Engineer to determine that impairment is occurring. However, if impairment is found to be occurring, augmentation seems to be a viable option to satisfy the needs of all water users.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. Please contact me if you have any questions