

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5012

By Committee on Utilities

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging cities and counties to use certain revenues from natural gas utility franchise fees to pay for insulation of certain buildings.

WHEREAS, The price of natural gas has risen dramatically in recent months; and

WHEREAS, Many cities and counties impose natural gas utility franchise fees based on a percentage of utilities' gross receipts derived from sales of natural gas; and

WHEREAS, Such cities and counties are receiving windfall revenues from such franchise fees due to the high price of natural gas; and

WHEREAS, Current natural gas utility bills create a financial burden for consumers, both private and public; and

WHEREAS, Additional building insulation would lower those consumers' bills while conserving a valuable energy resource: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the Legislature of the State of Kansas urges cities and counties, after paying their increased natural gas costs, to use windfall revenues received from natural gas utility franchise fees to pay for insulation of attics in residences, commercial buildings and government buildings, including schools, at an R-49 rating; and

Be it further resolved: That the Legislature requests cities and counties to report, and the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties to compile and submit to the Legislature, information regarding the use of any such windfall; and

Be it further resolved: That the Legislature directs the Secretary of State to send an enrolled copy of this concurrent resolution to the President and the Executive Director of the League of Kansas Municipalities and the President and the Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Counties.