

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1616

By Special Committee on Agriculture

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION requesting the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Geological Survey, the Department of Agriculture and the Division of Water Resources to work closely with each other to have the most current information relating to water in regard to developing a nutrient utilization plan and issuing water pollution control permits for confined animal feeding operations.

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature has passed legislation to address the disposal of animal waste in confined animal feeding facilities by requiring the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to issue water pollution control permits to facilities meeting certain criteria; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Department of Agriculture work together to administer the nutrient management program; and

WHEREAS, The nutrient management program works with the producer to develop a nutrient utilization plan; and

WHEREAS, The plan provides guidance to producers when implementing waste application to land as a means of waste disposal; and

WHEREAS, The plan is a compilation of data that many times is not the most current data available in other state governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, The plan should also include information relating to the amount of water needed to dispose of the waste, the amount of water the producer has available, and the amount of natural participation needed to dispose of the waste; and

WHEREAS, The plan should be based on the most current data available; and

WHEREAS, The Division of Water Resources and the Kansas Geological Survey should work more closely with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Department of Agriculture in regard to the water information needed for the plan: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Geological Survey, the Department of Agriculture and the Division of Water Resources are hereby requested to work closely with each other to have the most current information relating

1 to water in regard to developing a nutrient utilization plan and issuing
2 water pollution control permits for confined animal feeding operations;
3 and

4 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send
5 enrolled copies of this resolution to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Sec-
6 retary of Health and Environment, the Director of the Kansas Geological
7 Survey and the Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources in the
8 Kansas Department of Agriculture.

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