

To: House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources
From: Travis Lowe
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers
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Re: Support of HB 2172

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written support on behalf of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) for HB 2172. HB 2172 proposes the creation of a state water plan fund task force to evaluate and recommend improvements to the funding structure for water-related projects and initiatives in Kansas.

KSPE represents licensed engineers across the state, many of whom are deeply involved in various facets of water policy and management. For over 120 years, KSPE has worked to promote engineering by delivering professional development services, encouraging licensure, and advocating legislation and public policy for the betterment of the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Water is one of our most critical resources, essential for sustaining communities, driving economic growth, and ensuring public health. As Kansas faces mounting challenges in water availability, infrastructure, and long-term sustainability, it is imperative that we take a proactive, strategic approach to water management.

By passing HB 2172, the Legislature can take a leadership role in shaping Kansas' water future. This is not just about improving infrastructure, it is about ensuring that water remains a resource, not a constraint, for future generations.

KSPE respectfully urges the committee to support HB 2172 and commit to a long-term vision for Kansas' water security. KSPE looks forward to the task force's report and participating in discussions during the 2026 legislative session.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our thoughts for your consideration.