

**Testimony of Kansans for Lower Electric Rates (KLER) and  
Kansas Industrial Consumers Group (KIC)  
In Support of House Bill 2083 – *With clarifying amendment*  
Before the Senate Tax Committee  
March 11, 2025**

HB 2083 continues the effort to bring consistency and standardization to the property tax treatment of energy assets. In this case, a new asset not previously in statute, energy storage system (ESS), is proposed to be included in K.S.A 79-266 to qualify for a 10-year property tax exemption. KLER & KIC support this change with the inclusion of the following amendment on page 3, line 19:

*(4) "Energy storage system" or "ESS" means commercial or utility scale electrochemical, mechanical, **thermal**, electrostatic or gravitational devices that charge or collect energy from the electrical grid or a generation facility, store or use that energy and then discharge stored energy ~~at a later time to provide electricity or other electrical grid services~~. For purposes of this paragraph, a generation facility includes any existing or new electric generation facilities or any electric generation facility that utilizes renewable energy resources or technologies including wind, solar, biomass, landfill gas or any other renewable source of energy.*

This amendment provides the most up-to-date definition of ESS and should be included to protect current providers. The deleted line is superfluous and unnecessary, possibly creating confusion.

KLER & KIC also support the policy considerations outlined in the Renew Kansas Biofuels Association testimony provided by Mr. Stookey.

HB 2083, with the proposed amendment, is a worthwhile addition to Kansas' tax treatment of energy assets. We support its passage.

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*The Kansas Industrial Consumers Group (KIC) is a coalition of large-volume energy users in Kansas. The members collectively represent billions of dollars of investment in the State and employ thousands of Kansans. Kansans for Lower Electric Rates (KLER) is an advocacy project of KIC with members of all sizes. We believe high energy costs are negatively impacting residential consumers, schools, hospitals, and large and small businesses.*