

**Testimony before the Senate Utilities Committee**  
**March 6, 2007**  
**Supporting H.B. 2485**

Chairman Emler and Honorable Members of the Committee:

My name is Tom Thompson and I represent the Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club. I have come today to speak in support of HB 2485.

The Sierra Club believes that the most effective way to curb global warming, and to save money, is through energy efficiency. It supports the requirement of this bill to have government buildings be of life cycle cost methods or procedures or International Conservation Codes 2006 and to have traffic signals use LED lightz. It would especially like to see government buildings to be LEED certified. !7 states currently require LEED design standard and several cities including Kansas City, Missouri.

The Sierra Club believes that efficiency standards pay, they don't cost. Energy efficiency helps to decrease the ravaging effects of global warming. They decrease reliance on energy generation methods that add pollutants to the air that can result in increased respiratory illnesses and other health problems. Plus, over the life of a building, energy efficiencies will save tax payers money. It is time for the State of Kansas to lead the way in efforts to be energy efficient.

The state of Kansas can only benefit from efforts to be more energy efficient. The Sierra Club supports 2485 and encourages the committee to do the same.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely

Tom Thompson  
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