

Testimony before the Senate Ways and Means Committee
In Support of the SB 435 Conservation Reserve Enhancement
Program

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Good morning Chairperson McGinn and committee members. Thank you for the opportunity to present and submit this testimony on behalf of the Kansas Water Congress.

In 2007 the Kansas Water Congress played a role in working with both the private and public sectors to come up with the language and support of the (CREP) and concept.

The Kansas Water Congress supports the tenants of SB435, CREP as a tool that brings federal , state and local resources together for the purpose of conservation of both water and soils subject to high erosion.

Another positive aspect of CREP is that the program is voluntary and is targeted to areas of greatest conservation impact.

In closing, the Kansas Water Congress believes that the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program is a viable concept as demonstrated by the participation in GMD's 3 & 5 within the existing CREP.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this important issue.