

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. On March 7, 2012 in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Jay Emler – excused  
Senator Ty Masterson - excused

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Tamera Lawrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department  
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Rep. Tom Sloan  
Zack Pistora, Kansas Sierra Club

Others attending: See attached list.

Chair opened the hearing on:

**HB 2708 – Renewable Energy Resources**

Tamera Lawrence, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, explained the amendments made in **HB 2708** to K.S.A. 66-1257. (Attachment 1)

Proponents:

Rep. Tom Sloan explained that **HB 2708** addresses the definition of renewable energy generation. (Attachment 2)

Zach Pitoras, Legislative Director for Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club, noted **HB 2708** provides a practical understanding and application for renewable energy, directly benefitting our energy economy. (Attachment 3)

Chair asked if there were any other proponents, opponents or neutrals. Being none, the Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2708**.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted

Ann McMorris  
Committee Assistant

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