

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Hedke at 9:00 am on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Carmichael – Excused

Representative Brandon Whipple, appointed substitute member to the committee

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department

Patricia Kready, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Senator Forrest J. Knox

Ryan M. Yonk, PhD, Utah State University

Mike O'Neal, CEO, Kansas Chamber of Commerce

Rodger Woods, Deputy State Director Kansas, Americans for Prosperity

Craig Gabel, Kansans for Liberty

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Approval of committee minutes

Chairman Hedke asked for a motion to approve minutes previously sent to committee members and staff for January 26 and 28, February 4, 6, and 16. *Rep. Whitmer moved to approve the minutes, Rep. Powell seconded, minutes were approved as submitted.*

Hearing on: HB2373 — Renewable energy standards act sunset.

Chairman Hedke opened the hearing on **HB2373**.

Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes presented a brief of the bill. ([Attachment 1](#)) Following the brief, he stood for questions.

Senator Forrest J. Knox testified in support of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)) Following his testimony, he stood for questions.

Ryan M. Yonk, PhD, Utah State University testified in support of the bill. ([Attachment 3](#)) Following his testimony, he stood for questions.

Mike O'Neal, CEO, Kansas Chamber of Commerce testified in support of the bill. ([Attachment 4](#)) Following his testimony, he stood for questions.

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Rodger Woods, Deputy State Director Kansas, American for Prosperity testified in support of the bill. [\(Attachment 5\)](#) Following his testimony, he stood for questions.

Craig Gabel, Kansans for Liberty testified in support of the bill. [\(Attachment 6\)](#) Following his testimony, he stood for questions.

Written only testimony in support of the bill was provided by:

Aaron M. Popelka, Vice President of Legal and Governmental Affairs, Kansas Livestock Association [\(Attachment 7\)](#);

Nathan Makla, State Government Relations Manager, The Heartland Institute [\(Attachment 8\)](#).

The hearing on **HB2373** will be continued on Friday, March 13.

Chairman Hedke adjourned the meeting at 10:47 am.