

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Hedke at 9:00 am on Monday, January 25, 2016, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kasha Kelley – Excused
Representative John Whitmer – Excused
Representative Tony Barton – Excused

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department
Patricia Kready, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Ed Cross, President, Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association
Kimberly Svaty, The Wind Coalition
Ron Seeber, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, Renew Kansas

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Steve Kearney, on behalf of Waste Management, introduced a bill to ban sharps (hypodermic needles) from going into recycling.

Rep. Esau moved to accept the bill. Rep. Powell seconded, motion carried.

Energy Industry Update

Ed Cross, President, Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA), presented an update on the oil and gas industry. ([Attachment 1](#)) Following his presentation, he stood for questions.

Kimberly Svaty, The Wind Coalition, gave an update on wind energy. ([Attachment 2](#)) ([Attachment 3](#)) She stood for questions following her presentation.

Rep. Jennings referenced the efficiency study, recently commissioned and delivered, which suggested that expanding the use of renewable energy at large state complexes might be a prudent step for the state to take to control some costs. He asked if we could get some information on that and perhaps have someone come talk to the committee.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Energy and Environment at 9:00 am on Monday, January 25, 2016 in Room 582-N of the Capitol.

Rep. Kuether wanted to make the committee aware there was a ruling on Friday regarding the Clean Power Plan stay being denied, causing states to move forward with putting together their state implementation plan.

Rep. Hedke mentioned that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit held that the request for stay of the Clean Power Plan, filed by 27 states, was denied. He further mentioned that the State of Kansas, which is expected to be joined by multiple other states, will file an appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

Ron Seeber, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, Renew Kansas, presented an update on ethanol. ([Attachment 4](#)) Following his presentation, he stood for questions.

Chairman Hedke announced the next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 27, with a hearing on **SB246 - Exempting certain state leases from energy audit requirements.**

Chairman Hedke adjourned the meeting at 10:18 am.