

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Hedke at 9:15am on Wednesday, March 09, 2016, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Hedke asked for a motion to approve Committee minutes previously sent to members and staff for Wednesday, March 2, 2016. Rep. Kuether moved, Rep. Jennings seconded, minutes were approved as submitted.

Proposed Resolution for Consideration

Rep. Sutton moved that a Resolution encouraging the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to develop guidelines for the safe disposal of household generated "sharps" be introduced by committee, Rep. Barton seconded, motion passed to introduce Resolution. ([Attachment 1](#)) Revisor will draft Resolution.

Discussion & action on: SB318 — Utilities and state entities.

Chairman Hedke opened the discussion on **SB318**.

Rep. Jennings moved the bill be passed favorably by Committee, Rep. Whitmer seconded.

Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes presented a refresher of the original bill brief from hearing on February 17, 2016.

Rep. McPherson presented an amendment to the bill and moved to accept this amendment. Rep. Whitmer seconded. ([Attachment 2](#)) Discussion followed.

Rep. Moxley asked if there ever is a plan like the Clean Power Plan, does this amendment, in any way,

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protect the power company's ability to obtain information from our agencies? Rep. Hedke commented that his belief is the utilities will have ongoing dialogue with our agencies, irrespective of this particular activity. He further stated he couldn't imagine there would be any need to have restrictions between utilities and agencies to discuss the whole range of strategies they need to deploy for the interests of the State of Kansas. Rep. Hedke additionally stated there would be no reason to expect restrictions between the agencies and utilities.

He indicated he considered this to be a very friendly amendment and it allows for the appropriate amount of flexibility between the agencies in the State of Kansas to assist us as we move forward and review what actions the courts may take with respect to the Clean Power Plan.

A vote was called for on the amendment, *motion to accept passed.*

For informational purposes only, a map depicting Clean Power Plan Activity Status among all states in America was distributed. ([Attachment 3](#))

Chairman Hedke directed discussion back to the bill. Following discussion, Rep. Jennings closed, *Committee voted to pass the bill as amended.*

Next meeting will be Monday, March 14, 2016, with a hearing on **SB412-Water district No. 1 of Johnson County and purposes of property easement.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 am.