



Kansas Natural Resource Council

To: The House Committee on Transportation
Rep. Richard Proehl, Chair
From: Kansas Natural Resource Council
Re: Opposition to House Bill No. 2529

Chairman Proehl and Honorable Members of the Committee,

The topic of plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles is important. It is good for the legislature to give some consideration to this topic.

There is an opportunity to install solar panels and charging stations in parking lots as this will provide electricity for the electrical grid, shade and electric vehicle charging. An infrastructure for electric vehicles is needed in Kansas to encourage tourism.

I own a plug-in hybrid Prius that is able to operate on electricity for 12 miles. The vehicle is more expensive because of the cost of the batteries and electric motor and the property taxes on it are more than for a gasoline engine. In 30 months, I have driven this Prius about 25,000 miles.

We all need to do what we can to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Electric vehicles need to be encouraged because they reduce greenhouse gas emissions. They also improve air quality because they have no emissions.

Please vote against increasing fees on hybrid and electric vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,

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