

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Powell at 8:30am on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Michael O'Donnell – Excused

Committee staff present:

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department

Toni Beck, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Lane Letourneau, Department of Agriculture

Kent Askren, KS Farm Bureau

Mike Beam, KS Livestock Association

Tracy Streeter, KS Water Office

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: SB275 — Establishing water conservation areas.

Chairman Powell opened the hearing on the bill.

Tracy Streeter presented testimony in favor of the bill commenting the department has done extensive studies to provide water resources to the state. Water conservation areas provide a mechanism to address conservation interests where a Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA) is not preferred or possible. ([Attachment 1](#))

Lane Letourneau presented testimony in favor of the bill commenting current law provides tools that allow comprehensive corrective control measures in addition to strict water right administration. ([Attachment 2](#))

Kent Askren testified in support of the bill commenting these are concepts for individuals to bring forward water conservation strategies on a voluntary basis within a defined area. ([Attachment 3](#))

Mike Beam testified in support of the bill commenting the provision set forth with Section, (a) (2) makes it clear that all participants in a proposed Water Conservation Area (WCA) are in agreement with the project. ([Attachment 4](#))

Discussion:

Should the drought continue, additional participants would be expected to enroll in the program.

'Opting In' is unilateral. 'Opting Out' is possible, but upon opting out, the farmer participant would no longer have the flexibility afforded to the WCA program.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Natural Resources at 8:30am on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 159-S of the Capitol.

Chairman Powell closed the hearing on the bill.

Additional report information for **HB2177-Voluntary property clean and redevelopment act**, was provided by Leo Henning, KS Department of Health and Environment, to the Committee addressing discussion points. Tamera Lawrence provided a review of the bill. ([Attachment 5](#)) ([Attachment 6](#))

Chairman Powell turned the Committee's attention to **HB2177-Voluntary property clean up and redevelopment act and HB2193-Solid and hazardous waste and the risk management act.**

Tamera Lawrence presented an overview on the bills.

Senator Francisco moved the amendment of "determination of clean up time deadlines." Senator Hawk seconded. Motion adopted. ([Attachment 7](#))

Senator Tyson moved a conceptual amendment regarding "posting in local newspaper" returned to the language of the bill. Senator Ostmeyer seconded. Motion adopted.

*Senator Kerschen moved **HB2177** inserted into **HB2193**. Senator Francisco seconded. Motion adopted.*

*Senator McGinn moved, Senator Francisco seconded, **HB2193** be recommended favorably for passage. Motion adopted.*

Chairman Powell turned the Committee's attention to **HB2192-Kansas storage tank act.**

Tamera Lawrence provided an overview.

*Senator Francisco moved, Senator Hawk seconded **HB2192** be favorably recommended for passage. Motion adopted.*

The last scheduled meeting for the session will be Thursday, March 19.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.