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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Olson and Members of the Senate Committee on Utilities
From: Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: 03/11/2015
Subject: House Bill 2231

HB 2231 would amend K.S.A. 55-155 concerning the licensing of oil and gas well operators. Under current law, every operator of an oil and gas well is required to file an application or renewal of application with the Kansas Corporation Commission. As part of that application, the operator is required to pay an annual licensing fee of \$100, except that an applicant that is only operating one gas well used strictly to heat a residential dwelling would be required to pay only a \$25 licensing fee.

The bill would change this exception for the \$25 licensing fee to apply to an operator that was operating multiple gas wells used for personal use of heating a residential dwelling or any other structure located on the premises.