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Testimony to Senate Utilities Committee

Supporting: Session of 2015, HB 2231, Amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 55-1555 and repealing the existing section.

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Chairman Olson and members of the Committee,

I appreciate this opportunity to testify in support of HB 2231, which relates to well license fees. HB 2231 reduces the annual operator license fees for wells used strictly for personal use for the purpose of heating a residential dwelling or any other structure located on the same premises.

Current fees are \$100.00 per personal well used for the purpose of only heating a personal residential dwelling. The new fees, by comparison, will be \$25.00 for heating a personal residential dwelling.

Other changes involve the number of wells and number and type of personal use buildings heated by one or more wells. A personal residential dwelling might be heated by two premises wells. Current fees for this instance would be \$200.00. Also, under current statutes, a detached personal use garage heated by such wells would be prohibitive due to other compliances and fees.

This bill simplifies the fee structure for personal use wells that heat personal use buildings to a flat annual fee for the entire premises. It also has the effect of lowering the fees for private owners in these circumstances. I believe that both these economies support the interests of the state and its people.

Respectfully submitted,

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