

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Tyson at 8:35 a.m. on March 14, 2002 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Tim Huelskamp - excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Deborah McIntire, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bill Bider, Director, Bureau of Waste Management
Woody Moses, Managing Director, Kansas Cement Council
Gary Hanson, Counsel, Kansas Rural Water Association
Representative Tom Sloan
Judy A. Moler, General Counsel/Legislative Services Director, Kansas
Association of Counties

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Tyson opened the hearing on **HB 2686**.

Briefing by staff on HB 2686

HB 2686 was considered in the form of **SB 519**, which was heard by the committee on February 15, 2002. This bill would amend solid waste statutes with respect to the annual permit renewal fee for solid waste disposal areas which are owned and operated by facilities generating and disposing of their own industrial waste. Under the bill, the annual permit renewal fee for these disposal areas would be not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$4,000. The bill would also require the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to adopt a differential fee schedule based upon the characteristics of the disposal area sites. Other amendments would clarify that industrial waste disposed of at a permitted facility, owned and operated by the facility generating the waste and used only for waste generated by the facility, would be exempt from the statewide solid waste tipping fee. The bill would also clarify that this type of waste would be exempt from any locally imposed fee. Questions and discussion followed.

Testimony on HB 2686

The first conferee and proponent was Bill Bider (Director, Bureau of Waste Management). KDHE believes that this bill provides a fair method of fee collection for the facilities which operate on-site industrial landfills. (Attachment 1). Questions and discussion followed.

The second conferee and opponent was Woody Moses (Managing Director, Kansas Cement Council). He testified that the fee structure primarily benefits larger generators and would ask that the bill be amended to provide a fee cap of \$1500 per year for facilities managing only cement kiln dust. (Attachment 2). Questions and discussion followed.

Chairman Tyson closed the hearing on **HB 2686**.

Chairman Tyson opened the hearing on **HB 2624**.

Briefing by staff on HB 2624

This bill would allow public wholesale water supply districts to provide, by contract, to participating public agencies for the operation and maintenance of state-permitted wastewater treatment works, systems, and other facilities and services relating to the treatment of wastewater. The bill also would permit rural water districts the power to contract with cities or counties, or both, to operate and maintain state-permitted wastewater treatment works, systems, and other facilities relating to the treatment of wastewater.

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Testimony on HB 2624

The first conferee and proponent was Gary Hanson (Counsel to the Kansas Rural Water Association). He testified that this bill would allow Rural Water Districts and Public Wholesale Water Districts to contract to operate wastewater systems. The law currently does not allow for such contracts. (Attachment 3).

Written testimony was provided by Representative Tom Sloan (Attachment 4) and Judy A. Moler (General Counsel/Legislative Services Director, Kansas Association of Counties) (Attachment 5) in favor of this bill.

Chairman Tyson closed the hearing on **HB 2624**.

Senator Schmidt moved that the minutes from the March 7 and March 8, 2002, meetings be approved, Senator Lee seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15 at 8:30 a.m.