



Senate Committee on Utilities

Testimony in Support of House Bill 2588

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Mister Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber. The Kansas Chamber represents small, medium and large businesses of all industry segments across the state. We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2588.

HB 2588 amends the state's net metering statute by increasing limits for residential and commercial customers, giving more homeowners and businesses the choice to add solar energy systems to their home or business. Kansas law currently restricts the size/capacity limits which prevents Kansas consumers the option to fully realize any potential cost savings available today.

HB 2588 increases the statutory cap incrementally from one to five percent which provides market assurances for customers choosing to utilize solar for their energy generation. Our 2024 legislative agenda contains an energy policy position to "Support policies that create equal competition among energy sources and technologies." We must ensure that Kansas ratepayers can take full advantage of advancements in technology to provide more cost-effective options to power their homes and businesses.

In closing, we respectfully ask the committee to support House Bill 2588 and establish a uniform policy for homeowners and businesses seeking to install solar energy systems on their property.