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MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Carolyn McGinn at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present, except:

Senator Steve Morris-excused
Senator Ralph Ostmeyer-excused
Senator Garrett Love-excused

Committee staff present:

Tamera Lawrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Abigail Boudewyns, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Stephanie Gray, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Tracy Streeter, Director of Kansas Water Office, Topeka
Wayne Bossert, Manager, Ground Water Management District #4 (GMD 4)
David Barfield, Chief Engineer, Div. Of Water Resources, Ks. Dept. of Agriculture
Kent Askren, Kansas Farm Bureau

Others attending:

See attached list.

Vice Chair Carolyn McGinn conducted the meeting in the absence of Senator Ostmeyer. Senator Francisco introduced two members of the Lawrence Leadership.

Vice Chair McGinn announced that members had received draft minutes from previous Committee meetings. Senator McGinn moved to approve minutes from January 10 and January 11; Senator Teichman seconded. Motion carried.

Vice Chairperson McGinn asked for bill introductions. There were none.

The hearing was opened on **SB310-local enhanced management areas**. Tamera Lawrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, reviewed the bill for the definition and intent of the bill. The committee had no questions about the review.

Tracy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office, recommended the bill. He explained the four proposals that came out of the advisory committee. He asked for questions from the Committee; there were none. (Attachment 1)

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Wayne Bossert, KGD4 from Colby, discussed the additions made in LEMA. His board supports the bill. (Attachment 2) He put together a testimony with five other stakeholder's support. (Attachment 3) He answered questions from the Committee.

David Barfield, Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, KDA supports this bill. (Attachment 4) He explained Intensive Groundwater Use Control Area (IGUCA) provisions. This bill provides a tool that GMDs can use to fulfill their statutory function. The bill makes no changes in the existing IGUCA provisions of the GMC Act. A fiscal note was described for its impact. Another handout was distributed to explain water levels. (Attachment 5)

Kent Askren, Kansas Farm Bureau, testified in support of this bill. This bill provides an opportunity for locals to establish a plan to address issues such as over development. (Attachment 6)

Written testimony in support of **SB310** was submitted by: Sean Miller, Kansas GMD (Attachment 7), Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association (Attachment 8), and Sue Schulte, Ks. Corn Growers Association (Attachment 9).

Vice Chair McGinn asked if there were any opponents to the bill and if there were any neutrals for the bills. There was no response from the audience.

David Barfield answered questions from the Committee.

Vice Chairperson McGinn announced that the Natural Resources Committee would meet Friday, February 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.