



**HB 2227 – Third-Party Power Purchase Agreement Bill Hearing Written Testimony for
Kansas House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee Hearing
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Willdan Performance Engineering (WPE), located in Bonner Spring, Kansas, is submitting this written testimony in support of House Bill 2227 (2023 session) the Third-Party Power Purchase Act. WPE is an Energy Savings Performance Contractor division of Willdan Corporation. WPE does work in multiple states throughout the country. Locally our main customers are school districts, municipalities, county and state government, hospitals, university, and religious organizations. Because of our support for clean energy, Willdan Performance Engineering is also a member of the Clean Energy Business Council in Kansas.

Most states where we do business do allow third-party power purchase agreements by providers other than the monopoly utility. This enables school districts, local governments, and churches to install solar and battery storage that provide energy savings and helps meet decarbonization goals. In these states third-party financiers and investors who can claim tax benefits often enter into PPAs with tax exempt organizations which provides an incentive and advantage for both organizations.

Not being able to setup a PPA has stifled opportunities for Willdan to help communities in Kansas. This proposed legislation would level the playing field and help Kansas communities help themselves.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent Ragsdale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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