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**Testimony on HB 2477  
presented to the  
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The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) respectfully submits this testimony in favor of HB 2477. HB 2477 increases the amount that the Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board (KARB) can reimburse per site for remedial work allowed by K.S.A. 2-3708.

Eligible remediation efforts may be reimbursed for remedial expenses through KARB funding. Per K.S.A. 2-3709, KDHE has an ex officio representative on KARB that assists with approval of projects eligible for reimbursement. KARB closely reviews projects for reimbursement, and the amount awarded corresponds to actual expenses incurred by the eligible parties. KDHE is aware that inflation and other economic forces have raised costs of remediation. An increase in the limit per site would allow those actual expenses exceeding existing limits to be reimbursed. KDHE is hopeful that increased funding amounts could enable stalled remedial projects to move forward.

KDHE agrees this is an appropriate change to the KARB funding guidelines and supports passage of HB 2477. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.