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Written Testimony on House Bill 2321

To

The House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Chairwoman Schwartz and members of the committee, my name is Mark Rude. I am executive director of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No.3 (GMD3). I am writing in support of the water reuse provision of HB 2321. We do recommend the following revision to strike some language:

Page 2, lines 2 through 12 state:

- “(iv) have the capacity to hold at least 90 days' worth of graywater.
Ninety days' worth of graywater is 40 gallons of graywater per day per number of bedrooms at such residence;*
- (F) uses piping clearly identified as non-potable water conduit;*
- (G) is generated without the formation of ponds or pools of graywater;*
- (H) does not create runoff across property lines or onto any paved surface;*
- (I) is not applied to frozen or saturated soil; and*
- (J) is distributed by a surface drip irrigation system or subsurface irrigation system that does not spray into the air..”*

We wonder if any of this language detail listed above is necessary to enact the purpose of the bill. We offer that this level of detail may be better served in the development of rules and regulations by the Secretary of the department of health and environment, or by counties in their local county environmental code.

We recognize a water management strategy for Kansas that every drop matters. This is especially true in the prevailing drought conditions across the state. Though a relatively small issue in terms of water quantity, the provisions of HB 2321 allow for the safe and beneficial reuse of Kansas water, which is consistent with a Kansas culture of conservation that we support.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide these comments.

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