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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications
From: Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 14, 2018
RE: House Bill 2702

HB 2702 amends K.S.A. 66-1281 concerning meteorological evaluation towers. Under current law a tower, guy wires, and accessory facilities are required to have certain safety markings to make the towers identifiable from a distance.

HB 2702 would require the secretary of transportation to establish an electronic database prior to January 1, 2019, that contains the location of all meteorological evaluation towers in the state. At least 10 days before the erection of a new meteorological evaluation tower an prior to September 1, 2019, for an existing meteorological evaluation tower, owners of such towers would be required to provide the department of transportation with:

- The GPS coordinates of the meteorological evaluation tower;
- the elevation of the tower site;
- the structure's height above ground level;
- any information pertinent to aviation safety;
- the owner's contact information; and
- a certification that the tower is properly marked pursuant to subsection (b).

An owner of a tower would be required to notify the department within 14 days after the removal of any meteorological evaluation tower. The department would be required to update the database within 14 days of receiving information for tower owners, but would have no duty to verify the accuracy of the information provided by the owner of a tower or to inspect or maintain any tower.