

TO: The Honorable Tom Sloan, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Water and Environment

FROM: Doug Mays
On behalf of the Kansas Rural Water Association

RE: HB 2066 – An act concerning public wholesale water districts and highway right-of-way

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Thank you, Chairman Sloan and members of the committee. I am Doug Mays representing Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA) in support of HB 2066. The KRWA has membership of 260 rural water districts and approximately 450 municipalities in Kansas. The association provides an incredible amount of technical assistance and training for water and wastewater systems throughout our state. Comments I make today on behalf of the association are in support of HB 2066.

Current Kansas law mandates that, under certain circumstances, the state is required to reimburse rural water districts for the cost of relocating water lines displaced due to state highway and road construction. HB 2066 simply adds public wholesale water districts created pursuant to K.S.A. 19-3545 et seq to the existing statutes. There are 17 such districts in Kansas.

The Kansas Rural Water Association respectfully requests that this committee favorably pass HB 2066. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am happy to stand for questions.