



**House Committee on Water and Environment
Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 2513
Presented by Kristi Brown, Senior Director of Government Affairs**

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Chairman Sloan, members of the committee, The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to offer written testimony in opposition to House Bill 2513 which would impose a new fee on all surface water sold by public water supply systems, permitted industrial uses in accordance with the Kansas water appropriation act and Water Assurance Districts.

It has long been the position of the Kansas Chamber to urge the legislature to reduce the cost of doing business in our State. Adding a \$.05 per 1,000 gallons of surface water sold by public water supply systems and used by industries only continues to add a tax burden that will negatively impact businesses and individuals alike.

In our recent survey of 300 business owners across Kansas, 50% of those polled stated the business community paid too much in taxes and 52% stated reducing costs driven by government is the key to economic growth. Adding any additional fees to the cost of doing business in Kansas only hinders our ability to grow and create new jobs.

We respectfully ask that you oppose HB 2513

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