

Opposition to SB 279

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Senate Bill 279, as written, is an *untenable, aggregious & unsubstantiated* attack on Wind Energy production in Kansas. Moreover, as read, SB 279 represents a desperate attempt to use *dis-information* and *induced hysteria* from *vulnerable or hired* individuals from the public---orchestrated by coal and fossil fuel consortiums (Who Killed the Wind Catcher Project, by Dave Anderson (Energy and Policy Institute 2018)).

Elk County continues to benefit from wind farm revenues generated at Elk Valley Wind Farm. Audubon of Kansas recognizes the value of wind energy production (Prairie Wings 2020-2021). "Site Wind Right" positioning & operation of wind turbines by turning off wind turbines during seasonal flyaways in the regions most likely affected (Guidelines for Best Practices USFWS).

Ambiguous setbacks (one turbine per square mile), infringement of decision-making from county boards (Home Rule?), counting of flickers per year, heedless risk assessments, prescribed increase of audible and extra-audible sound determinations due to turbine manufacturer uncertainty, as well as required *adversarial legal relationships* with landowners---render SB 279 unworkable.

Tribal organizations continue to expand their wind and solar assets in response to harmful incursions from fossil fuel developers. Follow their determinations and **VOTE NO on SB 279.**

