

Testimony before the Senate Utilities Committee
March 13, 2007
Supporting H.B. 2127

Chairperson Emler and Honorable Members of the Committee:

My name is Tom Thompson and I represent the Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club. I have come today to speak in support of H.B. 2127.

H.B. 2127 makes it more cost effective for schools and irrigators to use renewable generation methods to meet their energy needs. It also encourages schools to provide a valuable educational experience for their students. The Sierra Club believes HB 2127 is a step in the right direction and encourages at least two types of users to benefit from cleaner sources of energy.

It would be even better if this were opened up to more energy users. Sierra Club supports efforts that encourage the use of renewable energy generation. Doing so benefits consumers and decreases the need for CO2 and mercury producing energy generation methods. This bill is a move toward net metering which is available to energy customers in 41 states in various forms. It would be encouraging to have Kansans being able to benefit from these enticements too.

Because of the added incentive for using renewable electric generation, Sierra Club supports H.B. 2127.

Thank you for this opportunity and your time.

Sincerely

Tom Thompson
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