

SUPPORT HB 2228

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Ty Masterson is my senator & Patrick Penn is my representative.

HB 2228 elucidates the concurrent **schism** between investor-owned utilities (utility) and electric cooperatives in Kansas. Safe and simplified interconnection and reasonable net-metering policies by most rural cooperatives allows customer-generators to actively participate in load management, use conservation, and is more congruent to reactive power---thereby reducing peak demand costs.

Mindless and unreasonable rooftop solar connection policies by Evergy {by our own experience} resulted in an eight month delay on one installation before a "production meter" was made available. In yet another instance, two months passed before a rooftop solar "production meter" was finally installed.

Kansas ranks 5th in wind & solar production but is rated 48th in renewable energy policy. This has long been a disgrace.

HB 2228 will improve Kansas' ability to become a leader in clean, resilient energy resources. **Vote YES on HB 2228.**