

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5019

By Committee on Environment

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Risk Management Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture to assure that erop insurance policies do not require irrigation after erop failure has occurred take certain actions.

WHEREAS, Many segments of the United States, including Kansas, have suffered catastrophic crop losses; and

WHEREAS, Some parts of the state are experiencing a fourth year of drought; and

WHEREAS, Federal crop insurance is a valuable risk management tool for farmers; and

WHEREAS, Crop insurance should provide producers of all crops options for various insurance products that accurately reflect individual risk considerations when making crop insurance purchasing decisions; and

WHEREAS, The development of additional risk management tools to supplement or be an alternative to the current crop insurance program would enhance the ability of farmers to mitigate risk; and

WHEREAS, Water is a precious resource: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the legislature urges the Risk Management Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture to: (1) Establish for each county an irrigated transition yield which more accurately reflects the yield capable by irrigated practices; (2) recognize changes in planting pattern to allow an irrigating producer to separate non-irrigated corners from the irrigated pivot circle; and (3) assure that crop insurance policies do not require irrigation of a crop after the crop has failed; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State is directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Director of the Topeka Regional office of the Risk Management Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the President of the United States and each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.