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To: House Committee on Water  
Rep. Jim Minnix, Chair

From: Aaron M. Popelka, V.P. of Legal and Governmental Affairs, Kansas Livestock Association

Re: **HB 2424 AN ACT concerning water; relating to the department of health and environment; establishing a pump installation contractor license and qualifications for applicants therefor; allowing applicants for water well contractor and pump installation contractor licenses to take examinations online; adding additional qualifications for applicants of water well contractor licenses; requiring additional information to be included in the water well record as required by the secretary; requiring a water well contractor to provide a water quality analysis to the secretary upon request within 60 days of well completion or within an extended timeframe granted by the secretary; requiring the water quality analysis to be conducted by a Kansas certified laboratory; requiring pump installation contractors to keep a record of each pump installed and submit the record to the secretary within 30 days; requiring the pump installation record to include certain data as required by the secretary; requiring the entire amount of any penalty collected under the act to be deposited in the water program fund instead of the state general fund.**

Position: Opponent, Written

*The Kansas Livestock Association (KLA), formed in 1894, is a trade association representing nearly 5,600 members on legislative and regulatory issues. KLA members are involved in many aspects of the livestock industry, including seed stock, cow-calf, and stocker cattle production; cattle feeding; dairy production; swine production; grazing land management; and diversified farming operations.*

Thank you, Chairman Minnix, and members of the Committee, for allowing the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) the opportunity to share our views on HB 2424. KLA opposes HB 2424 because we are concerned this legislation could increase the cost of having water pumps installed and decrease availability of contractors.

To date, KLA has not received complaints about water pump installation contractors. That is not to say that poor performance by a small number of contractors does not exist, but legislatively required certifications, fees, and recordkeeping requirements seem excessive. Skilled labor is already in short supply in the western parts of Kansas. KLA is concerned that the requirements in HB 2424 could increase costs and reduce available contractors without a corresponding benefit.

KLA appreciates the opportunity to submit its concerns with HB 2424 and asks that the Committee not advance the bill.