

Date: January 20, 2026  
To: Chairman Minnix, Vice Chairman White & the House Committee on Water  
From: Kiel Mangus, City Manager, City of Derby  
Re: Written Testimony in Support of HB2462

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today in support of House Bill 2462 regarding legislation directing the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to develop rules and regulations enabling both direct and indirect potable reuse of treated wastewater.

The City of Derby is one of the fastest growing communities in Kansas. With that growth comes challenges in providing services and amenities for our residents and businesses. Water is one of the foundational services that all cities must have and Derby, much like communities across Kansas, is increasingly challenged by limited water availability, reoccurring regional drought conditions and long-term water supply uncertainty. Derby currently purchases wholesale water from the City of Wichita and is investing significantly in the construction of a new Water Treatment Plant to best utilize our existing water rights, but those rights are insufficient to supply our community's needs at 100% now and into the future. We recognize that population growth and increased regional demands require us to be more proactive to prepare for the future.

HB 2462 enables Kansas municipalities to responsibly adopt potable reuse technologies that other states have already implemented and are successfully using. These technologies will help bolster supply and water resilience. Establishing statewide guidance and a regulatory path for such use will provide the certainty necessary for long-term capital planning and assist in evaluating reuse as a viable future water supply strategy. The City of Derby appreciates that HB 2462 distinguishes between direct potable reuse and indirect potable reuse, providing the flexibility to consider the most suitable approach for a community's needs. This approach will reduce reliance on stressed water sources, better manage drought impacts and utilize water resources already being treated within our municipal system.

As a municipal utility provider, Derby has extensive experience treating wastewater to stringent EPA and KDHE environmental standards and currently produces effluent suitable for safe environmental discharge. We have both the resources and operational capacity to plan for advanced treatment processes should direct potable reuse be pursued.

Thank you for opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2462 that positions Kansas to implement advanced water reuse technologies in a safe, measured and uniform way.



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