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Kansas Municipal Utilities

Testimony in Support of HB 2462

Thank you Chairman Minnix, Vice-Chair White, Ranking Member Vaughn and members of the committee for scheduling a hearing and the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2462. The Kansas Municipal Utilities is pleased to stand as an organization in support of the bill.

Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) is the statewide association representing Kansas cities and other public or not-for-profit organizations involved in the ownership and operation of publicly owned utilities across Kansas. Formed in 1928, KMU provides assistance and information to members with regard to workforce training and educational programs, mutual aid, regulatory and legislative assistance and numerous other services toward the advancement of municipal utilities to achieve maximum benefits for the customer-owners served by our utilities. Our membership ranges in size from some of the largest utilities in the state such as those operated by the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities and the City of Wichita down to some of the smallest utility systems serving fewer than 100 customers.

Kansas Municipal Utilities, on behalf of its members and the over 900 public water systems across the State of Kansas, supports HB 2462. Kansas has always been a state with regions of water scarcity, and having a regulatory pathway in place that allows municipal water systems to explore both direct and indirect potable reuse gives our members flexibility should they intend to pursue "water reuse".

Our member communities, some of whom you will hear from in this hearing, are some of the most forward-thinking and conservation-oriented communities in the nation when it comes to water. They don't plan years in advance; they plan decades in advance for the citizens they serve. When our communities begin to come forward and ask about the possibility of exploring water reuse, we know its time has come.

We know pulling together new regulations can sometimes be difficult – while we believe the two year window is enough time for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to prepare rules and regulations on both direct and indirect potable reuse of water, the Kansas Municipal Utilities, as a stakeholder, stands ready to help the Department should it need additional time as they pull these regulations together. The most important thing is that the state of Kansas get started so that when communities are ready to act we have a regulatory framework in place.

Thank you for allowing us to provide testimony and we would be happy to answer any questions.

