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On behalf of the Kansas Water Environment Association (KWEA) and our more than 550 members across Kansas—engineers, operators, laboratory professionals, and utility staff who work every day to protect the state's water resources—I am pleased to offer our support for HB 2462.

Our members see firsthand the growing challenges communities face: limited water supplies, ongoing drought, and increasing demands on aging systems. These pressures are no longer abstract concerns, they shape daily operations for utilities across Kansas and affect the long-term reliability of the communities we serve.

HB 2462 provides a forward-looking solution by directing the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to establish clear regulations for direct and indirect potable reuse by July 1, 2028. Creating this regulatory pathway is an important step toward ensuring that Kansas communities can safely and responsibly expand their water supply options.

Kansas utilities already meet rigorous treatment standards, and many have the expertise and operational capacity to support advanced treatment processes. Clear statewide rules for potable reuse will give utilities the certainty they need to plan responsibly, protect public health, and make full beneficial use of the water we treat, especially during times of drought.

Our membership believes HB 2462 strengthens Kansas' long-term water security and supports the continued stewardship of one of our most vital resources. We respectfully urge the Committee to advance this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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