

Testimony

By the Kansas Contractors Association before the House Energy and
Utilities Committee regarding Electricity Fee –HB 2455

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Mr. Chairman and members of the House Energy and Utilities Committee, I am Bob Totten, Public Affairs Director for the Kansas Contractors Association. Our organization represents over 350 companies who are involved in the construction of highways and water treatment facilities in Kansas and the Midwest.

Today, I rise in support of the electricity fee bill. Basically our organization supports any fee that supports the construction of roads and bridges in our state...but we believe we have a lot more credibility when the fee is associated with the use of roads and bridges in Kansas.

As I understand it, this measure would allow the creation of a fee for electricity for vehicles that use the road system in Kansas. That seems appropriate to use as electric vehicles would cause wear and tear on our road system just like vehicles that use propane, gasoline or almost any other type of fuel needed for propulsion.

Although the amount of electric vehicles on Kansas roads are small at this time, it is due to increase as the technology improves and the necessity of having those users be taxed should not go unnoticed.

I am pleased to see this bill has been brought to the committee's attention and I urge you to pass this measure.