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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Holmes and members of the House Energy and Utilities Committee
From: Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: House Bill 2526

HB 2526 would amend K.S.A. 55-152 concerning oil and gas and the Kansas Corporation Commission's authority to promulgate rules and regulations. Under current law, the commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the construction, operation and abandonment of any well and the protection of the usable water of this state from any well. The bill would give explicit authority to the commission to also promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the supervision and disclosure of any well on which a hydraulic fracturing treatment is performed.