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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 2708

HB 2708 is identical to HB 2446 as it left this committee. The bill amends K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 66-1257, the definitions section of the renewable energy standards act. Under current law, utility's are required to have net renewable generating capacity constituting a certain percentage of their peak demand.

The bill would change the definition of renewable energy resources to include energy storage that is connected to any renewable generation by means of energy storage equipment. This change would allow utilities to count energy produced by renewable sources and stored for later use towards the utility's net renewable generation capacity in order to comply with the portfolio standards. The bill would also count new hydropower, including pumped storage, of any size as a renewable energy resource.