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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Utilities
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 2, 2022
Subject: House Bill 2329 – Bill Brief

House Bill 2329 would amend current law relating to pipeline safety rules and regulations that are overseen and enforced by the Kansas Corporation Commission. K.S.A. 66-1,150 authorizes the KCC to adopt rules and regulations to conform with the federal natural gas pipeline safety act. Currently, the following entities are subject to the pipeline safety rules and regulations:

1. All public utilities and municipalities that transport natural gas or distribute natural gas to end users.
2. All operators of master meter systems as defined in 49 C.F.R. 191.3 (resale of gas for distribution in defined areas such as a mobile home park, housing project or apartment complex).
3. All operators of privately or publicly owned pipelines providing natural gas service or transportation directly to the consumer for the purpose of manufacturing goods or generating power.
4. Providers of rural gas service operating under the provisions of the rural Kansas self-help gas act in K.S.A. 66-2101 et seq.

HB 2329 would provide that that all operators of gathering lines as defined in 49 C.F.R. 192.3 would also be subject to the pipeline safety rules and regulations. Additionally, the bill would remove the current statutory provision that excludes pipelines that provide natural gas service directly to the ultimate consumer if such use is for farming or oil and gas production.