



To: House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications, Representative Leo Delperdang, Chair

From: Justin Cobb, The Nature Conservancy

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RE: HB 2588 – Net metering capacity increase

Chairman Delperdang and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on HB 2588. The Nature Conservancy in Kansas is a conservation nonprofit with a mission of conserving the lands and waters on which all life depends. Central to the conservancy's work is supporting a responsible clean energy transition, as demonstrated by our Site Renewables Right tool which provides guidance for renewable developers in selecting low impact areas.

As a member of the Clean Energy Business Council, we have been impressed by the collaboration between Evergy and the group's leadership to draft HB 2588 in alignment with the guidance from Chairman Delperdang. HB 2588 is pragmatic policy that accommodates the important growth of rooftop distributed generation with the reliability and rate concerns of a regulated utility.

The Nature Conservancy asks that the committee support HB 2588 without undue amendment as to respect the technical and substantial negotiations involved in its drafting.