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**Testimony on HB 2596
to
The Senate Agriculture Committee**

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Chairman Taddiken and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity for the Kansas Department of Agriculture to testify in support of House Bill 2596. The agency supports repealing this statute as it is obsolete. None of the duties referenced in the statute above are being conducted anymore and are unnecessary with the water right system in place and data collection currently available. The agency's water right system knows what is reasonable for irrigation based on crop water needs and location in Kansas. Water right holders are required to provide water use and non-use data annually. It is reported by well or pump site, and it is very detailed data.

I will be happy to answer any questions at the appropriate time.