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Senate Utilities Committee

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RE: HB 2526 - An Act concerning oil and gas; relating to regulation of hydraulic fracturing; amending K.S.A. 55-152 and repealing the existing section.

Testimony of David P. Bleakley - Legislative Chairman
Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association
&
Executive Vice President
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Our association represents and supports eastern Kansas oil and gas producers, gas gatherers, service companies, royalty owners and associated businesses along with the overall welfare of the Kansas oil and gas industry in this state.

The Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association (EKOGA) **supports** House Bill 2526 as written.

EKOGA feels that by amending Section 1. K.S.A. 55-152 with the proposed language in HB 2526, that such amended language places the issue of hydraulic fracturing with the KCC and the Advisory Committee on regulations of oil and gas activities. This Advisory Committee was specifically setup by the legislature under K.S.A. 55-153 to address these types of issues that may result in new rules and regulations.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman and members of this Committee, **EKOGA feels this is a prudent bill to place this issue where it belongs and WOULD URGE YOU TO VOTE INFAVOR OF HB 2526.**

Thank you for your time.

David P. Bleakley