

Testimony of Allyn O. Lockner on House Bill 2528
before the House Water and Environment Committee at
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Chairman Tom Sloan and members of the Water and Environment Committee, my name is Allyn Lockner. I am a retired economist (PhD) and certified public manager. I reside at 2135 SW Potomac Dr., No. 4, Topeka, Kansas 66611-1450.

Since the committee has received my testimonies on previous water bills, I'll not repeat my background. I thank the committee for this opportunity to testify.

I support HB 2528. I respectfully ask the committee to report the bill to the full Legislature with a strong "do pass" recommendation.

I am aware that my support of HB 2528 conflicts with my first choice in earlier testimony. My first choice for funding programs and projects for realizing the Kansas water vision and the goals of fourteen water regions was explained in my testimony on HB 2032 before this committee on January 31, 2017.

Today, we are at a time when the continuing and significant under-funding of the Kansas Water Plan is increasing significant water risks in Kansas. These risks are the losses of not realizing the state water vision and not achieving water goals in the fourteen regions. Instead, Kansans need to be taking smaller risks of accomplishing these outcomes.

HB 2528 is another search for an agreeable way to fund the Plan. If HB 2528 fails "do pass," I continue support the search for an agreeable bill because I believe the water risks of not funding the Plan are far greater than the risks of funding it.

I am willing to answer questions orally or via e-mail.

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