

Written Only Proponent Testimony in Support of HB 2172: Modifying water usage calculations and fees for multi-year flex accounts and permitting alternative base average water use calculations and prorated terms.

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Good morning Chairman Highland and members of the committee, my name is Josh Roe, and I am with the Kansas Corn Growers Association (KCGA). KCGA represents more than 1,100 members on state and national levels on legislative and regulatory issues and actively works with other organizations to maximize the voice of Kansas corn producers. KCGA stands in support of this bill which will allow for post 2009 perfected water rights to be placed into multi-year flex accounts (MYFAs).

KCGA is supportive of all voluntary measures allowing water rights holders to manage and conserve their water resources. Although MYFAs were designed as a management tool and not necessarily a conservation tool, one could argue that they have emerged as an effective conservation tool. This is largely because whenever a producer can delay the quantity of water pumped into the future, the chances of future water conservation increase due to crop and irrigation technology efficiency improvement.

We encourage the passage of HB 2172 because it will allow more water rights holders to enroll in MYFAs.

Thank you once again for allowing me to provide this testimony on behalf of our members.

