

Testimony of Allyn O. Lockner
on House Bill 2686 before the
House Committee on Water
at 9 am on February 15, 2022,
in Room 152-S, Kansas Capitol Building

Members of the Committee: My name is Allyn Lockner. I am a Topeka resident. Thanks for the opportunity to provide written testimony as a proponent of House Bill 2686.

The Committee is commended for holding hearings on the bill. Its enactment would make important needed improvements, but not all needed improvements to solve Kansas water problems.

I submitted written testimony to the Committee at its meeting in Garden City on August 18, 2021. I recommended the establishment of a Department of Water Resources, under the leadership of a secretary, to strengthen the framework for planning and implementing Kansas water policies. Enactment of the bill would be a major improvement in the framework and in accordance with a generally-accepted organizational structure. The bill also contains a new, needed, and limited water right fee.

For brevity purposes, my background is not repeated in this testimony since it was contained in written testimony I submitted to the Committee at its meeting in Garden City.

Please contact me if you have comments or questions. My e-mail address is alockner@cox.net.