

Please take the necessary time to review all the data, (KGS water in storage maps predevelopment and current, review the work that has been done by previous legislatures and administrations, etc.). Consult the agencies that have been engaged in this conversation for the last 8 decades. Interview the stake holders that risk their investment and family's financial future. It is clear to us this process has been determined by a select nondisclosed few to adversely affect the citizens that provide the genesis for a substantial portion of the state's economy.

This bill will violate the trust of stakeholders in their state government! The State has provided a property right to its' citizens by granting the right to put the water of the state of Kansas to beneficial use. The State requires a completion of diversion works before an appropriation is made. The completion of diversion works requires a very significant investment. This bill does nothing to recognize that investment and allows for no protection of that investment. I heard the Chair say to the effect that the water users in Kansas need the help of the government to address the perceived urgency. Ronald Reagan stated: the nine most terrifying words in the English language are "I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

The Southwest Kansas Irrigation Association is opposed to House Bill 2686.

Sincerely

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