

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on January 22, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research  
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research  
Jason Long, Revisor's Office  
Renaë Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on:

**HB 2039: Definition of "renewable energy resources or technologies".**

Mary Galligan, gave a staff briefing, to the committee on **HB 2039** explaining where the definitions pertaining to this legislation are found in the bill.

Comments were made by Representative Tom Sloan noting that this is merely a housekeeping bill to clean up the definition.

Questions were asked by Representative: Forrest Knox.

Hearing on **HB 2039** was closed.

Hearing on:

**HB 2037: Income tax credits and deductions for certain energy efficiency improvements.**

Proponents:

Bruce Snead, K-State, (Attachment 1), gave testimony in favor of **HB 2037**. There are no current credits in federal regulations for rental property unless the building is over 4 stories high and has a commercial classification Energy Efficiency is still the least cost resource for energy. In addition, he covered a printed Power point with the committee, in favor of energy efficiency over new energy production, to meet the increasing demands for energy.

Questions were asked by : Representative: Forrest Knox, Tom Sloan.

Tom Hawk, Representative 67<sup>th</sup> District, (Attachment 2), explained the background of **HB 2037** and told of the specifics for tax credits to landlords for rental property allowed in this bill. It was noted that we could go with additional tax incentives to single family home owners, but that the fiscal note might be more than we want to see.

Questions were asked by Representative: Vaughn Flora.

Chairman Holmes noted the particulars of the path of this bill in the legislative process last year.

Tom Thompson, Sierra Club, (Attachment 3), spoke in support of **HB 2037**, noting that this bill is a "win/win" bill for all involved.

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George Phillips, KCPL, (Attachment 4), gave testimony in support of **HB 2037** and noted that they projected great energy savings if this bill should be implemented.

Questions were asked by Representative: Josh Svaty.

Ed Jaskinia, Landlords, (Attachment 5), spoke in support of **HB 2037**. He noted this would allow there to be more dollars in the tenants' pockets to spend in other ways.

Questions were asked by Representative: Tom Hawk, Josh Svaty, and Tom Sloan.

Hearing on **HB 2037** was closed.

Chairman Holmes opened up **HB 2039** for debate.

**HB 2039: Definition of "renewable energy resources or technologies".**

Representative Forrest Knox moved the removal of "photovoltaic" in the language. Representative Josh Svaty seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued with comments by Representative Don Myers.

Representative Knox closed on the motion.

Motion failed.

Representative Tom Sloan moved to support **HB 2039** favorable for passage. Representative Rob Olson Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Representative Vern Swanson will carry **HB 2039**.

Bill introductions.

Representative Rob Olson moved to introduce a bill that would help the electric utilities recovering certain transmission costs. Second by Representative Annie Kuether. Motion passed.

Representative Dan Johnson asked a question regarding the rules of the committee having to do with an amendment being required to be drafted beforehand by a revisor. Chairman Holmes gave clarification to the committee that any amendment a revisor drafts, has to be considered before moving it out because of the time spent by the revisor on the amendment.

Representative Rob Olson moved to introduce a KETA clean up bill. Seconded by Representative Annie Kuether. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan 23, 2007,

Meeting adjourned.