

## **Testimony on SB286**

### **House Agriculture Committee**

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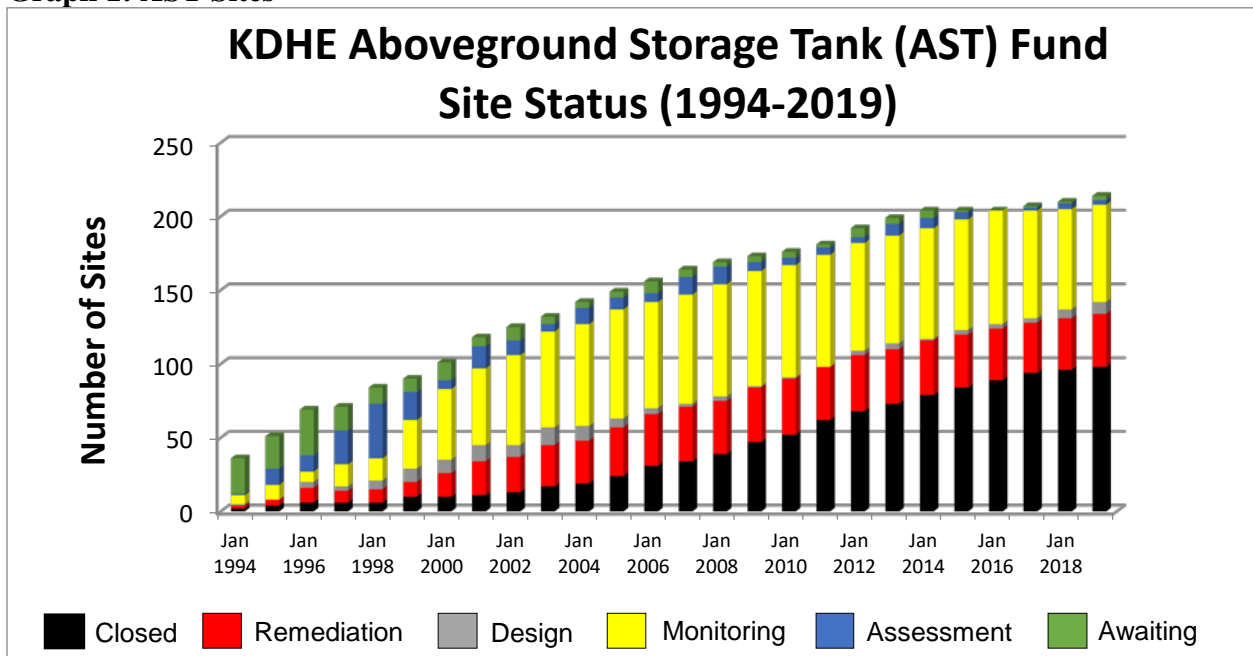
Good morning and thank you Chair Highland and members of the committee for the opportunity to provide verbal testimony in support of SB286 related to the revisions of the Kansas Storage Tank Act (KSA 65-34,100 *et seq*). As proposed, SB286 amends the Act to extend the sunset date of the aboveground and underground funds from July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2034 and increase the maximum liability of these funds used for clean-up activities at eligible petroleum-contaminated sites.

There are currently approximately 1,200 sites in the two storage tank clean-up programs with an additional 25+ sites being added annually. Graphs 1 and 2 depict are attached to the copy of my testimony. The two graphs represent the number of sites addressed by the AST and UST funds respectively. The ten-year extension of the sunset date is needed to address the remaining and future contaminated sites.

An increase from \$1 million to \$2 million for the maximum allowable reimbursement cost is needed due to increasing lifetime project costs of remedial system design, installation, operation and maintenance. Many sites that were easier to clean-up have already been addressed. Of the sites that remain, much of the soil and groundwater contamination is in complex geology, which increases the overall cost of a site clean-up. These amendments will have a positive impact by providing funds to reimburse future cleanup activities at petroleum contaminated sites.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the importance of this bill. I welcome any questions.

**Graph 1: AST Sites**



**Graph 2: UST Sites**

