

**Testimony of Kansans for Lower Electric Rates (KLER) and  
Kansas Industrial Consumers Group (KIC)  
In Support of House Bill 2591  
Before the House Energy, Utilities & Telecom Committee  
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KIC & KLER have promoted discussions about the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) and the agency's impactful role in bringing regionally competitive electric rates to Kansas. HB 2591 is a positive change for the KCC, allowing Commissioners to better collaborate on issues.

A chief criticism of the KCC has centered on the immense power the Staff of the KCC has. Under current rules, KCC Commissioners can not freely discuss issues. This requires the Staff of the KCC to fill the void of information exchange. It's shuttle diplomacy for very important decisions.

Each of the Commissioners has valuable backgrounds and experiences to offer to policy discussions. HB 2591 allows Commissioners that opportunity. KIC & KLER believe this will lead to better outcomes for Kansas' energy future.

This collaboration model is utilized by the Kansas Court of Appeals and other organizations.

We urge the Committee to approve HB 2591.

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*The Kansas Industrial Consumers Group (KIC) is a coalition of large-volume energy users in Kansas. The members collectively represent billions of dollars of investment in the State and employ thousands of Kansans. Kansans for Lower Electric Rates (KLER) is an advocacy project of KIC with members of all sizes. We believe high energy costs are negatively impacting residential consumers, schools, hospitals, and large and small businesses.*