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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Utilities
From: Tamera Lawrence, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 6, 2012
Subject: HB 2526—Regulation of Hydraulic Fracturing

HB 2526 amends K.S.A. 55-152 concerning oil and gas and the Kansas Corporation Commission's authority to promulgate rules and regulations. Under current law, the KCC is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the construction, operation and abandonment of any well and the protection of the usable water of this state from any well. The bill gives explicit authority to the KCC to also promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the supervision and disclosure of any well on which a hydraulic fracturing treatment is performed.