

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Utilities** recommends **SB 49** be amended on page 1, in line 8, by striking "(1)"; also in line 8, by striking "January" and inserting "July"; following line 17, by inserting:

"(b) (1) On and after January 1, 2026, any developer, owner or operator of a wind energy conversion system that has commenced commercial operations in the state without a light-mitigating technology system shall apply to the federal aviation administration for installation and operation of a light-mitigating technology system that complies with federal aviation administration regulations 14 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq. within six months after the execution of a new power offtake agreement related to such wind energy conversion system. If approved by the federal aviation administration, the developer, owner or operator of such wind energy conversion system shall install the light-mitigating technology system on approved turbines within 24 months following such approval.";

Also on page 1, in line 18, by striking all after "(2)"; by striking all in lines 19 through 26; in line 27, by striking all before the period and inserting "The board of county commissioners of any county may enter into an agreement with the developer, owner or operator of a wind energy conversion system for the purpose of financing some or all of the costs of the purchase and installation of a light-mitigating technology system subject to the approval of the federal aviation administration. The board of county commissioners of any county may issue revenue bonds for such purpose. At or prior to the issuance of such revenue bonds, the board of county commissioners may pledge any revenues associated with the wind energy conversion system or any other revenues. Any costs associated with the ongoing operation and maintenance of a light-

mitigating technology system financed in whole or in part by a county shall be the sole responsibility of the developer, owner or operator of the wind energy conversion system.

(c) Any vendor that is selected for installation of a light-mitigating technology system on a wind energy conversion system pursuant to the requirements of this section and is approved by the federal aviation administration for such installation shall provide to the Kansas department of transportation aviation division, in the form and manner prescribed by the division, notice of the progress of the installation of such light-mitigating technology system. If the installation of the light-mitigating technology system is delayed beyond the 24-month installation requirement established pursuant to this section, such vendor shall provide notice to the Kansas department of transportation aviation division not less than once every three months to provide an update on the reasons for the delay and the current status of the installation. The division may establish policies and procedures to establish a uniform schedule for submitting notice pursuant to this subsection";

Also on page 1, in line 34, by striking ", light intensity dimming solution technology";

On page 2, in line 2, after "(2)" by inserting "'Power offtake agreement" means a long-term contract that provides for:

(A) The provision of the whole or any part of the available capacity or the sale or other disposal of the whole or any part of the output of a wind energy conversion system; or

(B) a contract for differences or financial hedge tied to the output from the wind energy conversion system.

(3)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

Also on page 2, in line 8, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register";

On page 1, in the title, in line 4, after "operations" by inserting "; requiring existing wind energy conversion systems to install light-mitigating technology systems upon execution of a

long-term power offtake agreement; authorizing any board of county commissioners to issue revenue bonds to finance some or all of the costs of the installation of a light-mitigating technology system subject to an agreement with the owner or operator of the wind energy conversion system; making all such installations"; and the bill be passed as amended.

\_\_\_\_\_Chairperson