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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Utilities  
From: Tamera Lawrence, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
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Subject: HB 2708—Renewable energy resources definitions

HB 2708 amends K.S.A. 66-1257, which is the definitions section of the renewable energy standards act. Under current law, utilities are required to have net renewable generating capacity constitute a certain percentage of their peak demand.

The bill changes the definition of renewable energy resources to include energy storage that is connected to any renewable generation by means of energy storage equipment. This change allows utilities to count energy produced by renewable resources and stored for later use toward the utility's net renewable generation capacity in order to comply with the portfolio standards. The bill also addresses new hydropower by including pumped storage, of any size as a renewable energy source.