

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Agriculture** recommends **HB 2531** be amended as recommended by the House Committee on Agriculture as reported in the Journal of the House on February 22, 2022, and the bill, as printed as amended by House Committee, be further amended on page 1, in line 7, after "(a)" by inserting "(1)"; also in line 7, after "commissioners" by inserting "or board of township trustees"; following line 14, by inserting:

"(2) (A) In any county that has adopted a county road unit system pursuant to K.S.A. 68-515b, and amendments thereto, the board of county commissioners of such county shall accept applications, approve or deny such applications and oversee any approved pipeline in accordance with this act.

(B) In any county that has not adopted a county road unit system pursuant to K.S.A. 68-515b, and amendments thereto, the applicable board of township trustees shall accept applications, approve or deny such applications and oversee any approved pipeline in accordance with this act.";

Also on page 1, in line 23, after "commissioners" by inserting "or board of township trustees"; in line 24, after the period by inserting "The person who makes such a request and submits such application shall be the owner of such pipeline upon approval of such pipeline in accordance with this act."; in line 34, after the first "commissioners" by inserting "or board of township trustees"; also in line 34, after the second "commissioners" by inserting "or board of township trustees";

On page 2, in line 4, after "commissioners" by inserting "or board of township trustees"; in

line 13, after "county" by inserting "or township"; in line 21, by striking "and"; in line 24, after "township" by inserting "; and

(C) provide bond or liability insurance to cover costs of pipeline removal if pipeline ownership should be abandoned or if the owner should become deceased";

On page 3, in line 1, after "(h)" by inserting "If a board of county commissioners vacates a road pursuant to K.S.A. 68-102, and amendments thereto, an owner of a pipeline approved under this section shall remove the pipeline within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the board of county commissioners unless written permission is obtained from all persons acquiring the property interest of the county after the road has been so vacated. If removal is required under this subsection, the owner of such pipeline shall return the property to its functional equivalence before the removal, and, if such owner fails to make the repairs, the persons acquiring the property interest of the county shall have a cause of action against the pipeline owner for such violation of this subsection and may recover damages, including reasonable attorney fees, if the pipeline owner is found liable by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(i) If the owner of a pipeline permitted under this act transfers any portion of such pipeline, such owner shall notify the county clerk of such transfer.

(j)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly; and the bill be passed as further amended.

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Chairperson