

Turbine concerns voiced at statehouse

(KNZA)--Supporters of a bill introduced by a local lawmaker to place restrictions on wind turbines in Kansas gathered Tuesday at the Kansas Statehouse.

The House bill was introduced by Sabetha Republican Randy Garber, and would require wind turbines to be constructed at least 7,920 feet from a residence, 15,840 feet from airports and parks, and 1,500 feet from property lines.

The Topeka Capital Journal reports that among those offering testimony in support of the legislation were residents of Brown and Nemaha Counties.

Their voices come as Nemaha County continues to negotiate terms for the development of the Soldier Creek Wind Farm proposed by NextEra Energy, and Invenergy has proposed the Pony Express Wind Farm in northwestern Brown County and northeastern Nemaha County.

Supporters of Garber's bill were in attendance during Tuesday's House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee hearing.

On Thursday, the energy corporations proposing the turbine developments will have the chance to offer their testimony during a planned hearing.

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