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## Kansas Governor Vetoes Bill to Revive 2 Coal-Fired Plants

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Gov. Kathleen Sebelius of Kansas vetoed a measure on Friday that would have forced the state to approve two coal-fired power plants producing large amounts of carbon dioxide.

The veto, which was expected, is unlikely to be overridden in the Kansas House of Representatives, two legislators said. The State Senate passed the measure with a veto-proof majority.

The two proposed plants, to be built by the Sunflower Electric Corporation in the southwest corner of the state, would generate 1,400 megawatts of electricity and produce up to 11 million tons of carbon-dioxide emissions. Because of the large production of greenhouse gases, the state's secretary of health and the environment, Rod Bremby, withheld approval for the plants.

"We know that greenhouse gases contribute to [climate change](#)," Governor Sebelius wrote in a news release. "As an agricultural state, Kansas is particularly vulnerable. Therefore, reducing pollutants benefits our state not only in the short term but also for generations of Kansans to come."

In addition to vetoing the bill to revive the coal plants, Ms. Sebelius, a Democrat, issued an executive order creating an advisory group to advise the governor on energy and environmental policy. She selected Jack Pelton, the chief executive of Cessna Aircraft, based in Kansas, as head of the new group.

Ken Wick, a Republican legislator, said in a telephone interview that a new measure was being drafted to revive the coal-plant proposal. This bill, he said, would be crafted to win over the representatives siding with Ms. Sebelius and blocking the chance for a veto override.

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