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MEMORANDUM

To:	Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
From:	Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date:	March 10, 2025
Subject:	HB 2113 — Transferring Moneys to the State Conservation Fund, the State Water Plan Fund, the Water Technical Assistance Fund and the Water Projects Grant Fund

House Bill 2113, as amended by House committee, would establish the state conservation fund and each July 1, would transfer $2,500,000 from the state general fund to the state conservation. Additionally, the bill would transfer $55,000,000 of state general funds to the state water plan fund on July 1 of 2025, 2026 and 2027, and of the amount so transferred, $7,000,000 would be transferred to the water technical assistance fund and $18,000,000 would be transferred to the water projects grant fund.

State Conservation Fund

New section 1 of HB 2113 would establish the state conservation fund in the state treasury for the purpose of financing conservation programs. Moneys credited to the fund would be to supplement existing appropriations and not to supplant state general fund or special revenue fund appropriations to the Kansas department of agriculture. On July 1, 2025, and each July 1 thereafter, $2,500,000 would be transferred from the state general fund to the state conservation fund. Moneys in the fund would be used to: (1) Provide a match of state moneys on the basis of a $2 of state moneys to $1 of nonstate or private moneys; and (2) fund or provide domestic water quality sampling. Additionally, the Kansas department of agriculture, division of conservation would be required to adopt rules and regulations to administer the expending of moneys from the state conservation fund and solicit input and facilitate public comment from industry members and stakeholders in developing such rules and regulations.

Water Funds

Currently, K.S.A. 82a-955 requires $35,000,000 be transferred from the state general fund to the state water plan fund on July 1, 2025, and expresses that it is the intent of the legislature to transfer $35,000,000 on July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027. Of such moneys, $5,000,000 would be transferred to the water technical assistance fund and $12,000,000 would be transferred to the water projects grant fund. K.S.A. 82a-955 is set to expire on July 1, 2028.

Section 2 of HB 2113 would require $55,000,000 to be transferred from the state general fund to the state water plan fund on July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027. And of such moneys, $7,000,000 would be transferred to the water technical assistance fund and $18,000,000 would be transferred to the water projects grant fund.

Fund	Current Law	HB 2113	HB 2007 Sec. 188 (HCOW)	Source
State Water Plan Fund	$35,000,000	$55,000,000	$35,000,000	State General Fund
Water Technical Assistance Fund	$5,000,000	$7,000,000	$5,500,000	State Water Plan Fund
Water Projects Grant Fund	$12,000,000	$18,000,000	$13,000,000	State Water Plan Fund

Effective Date

HB 2113 would take effect upon publication in the Kansas register.