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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Water  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 13, 2024  
Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2697

HB 2697 modifies powers of groundwater management district boards to allow a GMD board to provide relevant information rather than advice and assistance pertaining to groundwater management matters.

K.S.A. 82a-1028 provides the powers of GMD boards. One of the powers listed in K.S.A. 82a-1028(m) allows boards to “provide advice and assistance in the management of drainage problems, storage, groundwater recharge, surface water management, and all other appropriate matters of concern to the district.” HB 2697 would amend that power to allow GMD boards to provide “relevant information” concerning those matters rather than advice and assistance.

The bill becomes effective upon publication in the statute book.