

February 8, 2023

The Honorable Jim Minnix, Chairperson
House Committee on Water
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Minnix:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2279 by House Committee on Water

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2279 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2279 would require groundwater management districts to submit annual financial reports to the Legislature. The bill would also require groundwater management districts to use data from the Kansas Geological Survey to identify areas where water quality or quantity is deteriorating, and to submit written action plans regarding these areas to the Chief Engineer by July 1, 2026.

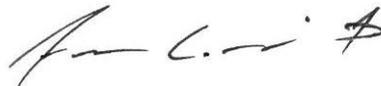
Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds	FY 2024 SGF	FY 2024 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	627,900	627,900
FTE Pos.	--	5.50	7.00	7.00

The Kansas Geological Survey estimates that enactment of HB 2279 would require the addition of 7.00 new FTE positions. During FY 2023, the agency would add 5.50 positions and cover the cost of such positions with existing resources. The remaining 1.50 positions would be added in FY 2024 and \$627,900 of new State General Fund expenditures would be required. The agency estimates that \$3.4 million of additional State General Fund expenditures would be needed to carry out the duties required by the bill in FY 2025. These duties include the annual measurement of approximately 1,500 industrial and agricultural wells, measurement and

maintenance of continuously monitored index wells, initiation of a statewide water quality monitoring program, and advanced groundwater aquifer modeling. The Kansas Corporation Commission reports that enactment of HB 2279 would have an unknown fiscal effect on agency operations.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Water Office, Kansas State University, Kansas Association of Counties, and League of Kansas Municipalities indicate that enactment of HB 2279 would not have a fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2279 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

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