

MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: 2/11/2025

Re: H.B. 2095, as Introduced: Establishing a pump installation contractor license and requiring additional examination, qualification and record-keeping requirements for licensed pump installation contractor and water well contractors.

Changes to Licensing and Qualifications

- H.B. 2095 would establish a pump installation contractor license in addition to the existing well contractor license category and set qualifications for applicants.
- The bill would establish standards for pump installation and repair.
- Licensed contractors would be required to keep and transmit well logs and water quality data to the secretary of health and environment.¹

Definitions and Exemptions

- The bill would define "licensed pump installation contractor" and "licensed water well contractor"² and specify exemptions for individuals working on their own land for domestic use³.

Administrative Responsibilities

- The secretary would be responsible for administering and enforcing the provisions of the act, including adjusting license fees on a biennial basis by rules and regulations.
- The secretary would also have the authority to issue, renew, deny, modify, revoke, or suspend licenses.

¹ Pg. 2, lines 23-30

² Starting on pg. 2, line 42

³ Defined on pg. 2, line 37

Licensing Process

- The bill would require applicants for water well contractor and pump installation contractor licenses to demonstrate familiarity with applicable Kansas water laws and standards.⁴
- It would specify the qualifications needed for licensing examinations and the process for application and renewal.⁵

Record Keeping and Reporting⁶

- The bill would require licensed pump installation contractors to maintain accurate records of each pump installed and submit these records to the secretary within 30 days of installation.
- The records would need to include the landowner's name and address, the well's location and legal description, the intended use of the well water, and detailed pump information.
- The bill would make New Section 1 a part of the Kansas groundwater exploration and protection act.

Penalties and Enforcement⁷

- Penalties recovered under the act would now go to the water program fund instead of the state general fund.

H.B. 2095 would become effective upon publication in the statute book.

⁴ Pg. 7

⁵ Pgs. 7-8

⁶ Pg. 1

⁷ Pg. 12