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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** House Committee on Water

**From:** The Office of Revisor of Statutes

**Date:** 01/29/2026

**Re:** H.B. 2477, As introduced; Requiring the Kansas department of agriculture to publish a map on the department's official website that shows the location of all applied for diversions of water, including requested changes in the point of diversion by more than 300 feet, and expanding the current individual notice requirement to apply to all landowners that are within half a mile of such applied for diversions or changes.

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Under current law, the KDA's division of water resources is required to post the following to the department's official website: All complete applications and all orders issued by the division pursuant to K.S.A. [82a-706b](#) (impairments of water rights), [82a-708a](#) (water appropriations, fees), [82a-708b](#) (application to change the place of use or point of diversion), and [82a-745](#) (voluntary creation of a water conservation area). In addition, the division, in conjunction with the applicable GMD, is required to notify all water right owners with a point of diversion within a half mile of a pending request or application pursuant to those statutes. There is an exception to the notice requirement for applications to move a point of diversion 300 feet or less from the current location.

Under H.B. 2477, Sec. 2., the division would now be required to publish a map on the department's website showing the location of, and any other pertinent information related to, all diversions of water sought by all applications filed with the division pursuant to K.S.A. [82a-711](#) (water appropriations, review by chief engineer) and any request to change a point of diversion more than 300 feet. The references to K.S.A. 82a-706b and 82a-745 would no longer be included, and the reference to K.S.A. 82-708a would be replaced with a reference to K.S.A. 82a-711. In addition, the bill would require the division to notify all landowners (not just water right owners with a point of diversion) within half a mile of any such applications filed with the

division. The division would no longer be required to work in conjunction with the applicable GMD to send such notices.

In Section 1, page 4, a conforming amendment would be made to the water conservation area statute (K.S.A. 82a-745) to remove the current requirement to notify surrounding water right owners that a water conservation area is being established.

H.B. 2477 would become effective upon publication in the statute book.