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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Minnix and Members of the House Committee on Water
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 10, 2026
Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2558

House Bill 2558 increases the amount of moneys transferred from the state general fund (SGF) to the state water plan fund (SWPF) and the amount of moneys transferred from the state water plan fund to the water technical assistance fund and the water projects grant fund.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 82a-955, the statute that provides certain additional SGF transfers to the SWPF and transfers to the water technical assistance fund and water projects grant fund. Current law provides that \$35,000,000 will be transferred from the SGF to the SWPF through fiscal year 2028. HB 2558(a) would provide that on July 1, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030, \$60,000,000 will be transferred from SGF to the SWPF. Additionally, the bill would amend K.S.A. 82a-955(b) to provide that on July 1 of each fiscal year where the SWPF is appropriated pursuant to subsection (a), then \$15,500,000 shall be transferred from the SWPF to the water technical assistance fund and \$22,500,000 shall be transferred from the SWPF to the water projects grant fund. The bill would also amend subsection (b)(2) to extend the abolishment date for the water technical assistance fund and water projects grant fund from July 1, 2028, to July 1, 2031.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 82a-956, the statute that establishes the water technical assistance fund. Current law in K.S.A. 82a-956(a)(2) provides that whenever the unencumbered balance of the water technical assistance fund exceeds \$15,000,000, then such excess amount may be recommended for appropriation by the Kansas water authority for the same purposes as other SWPF moneys are appropriated for. HB 2558 would increase that threshold amount to \$36,000,000.

Section 3 amends K.S.A. 82a-957, the statute that establishes the water projects grant fund. Current law in K.S.A. 82a-957(a)(2) provides that whenever the unencumbered balance of the water technical assistance fund exceeds \$35,000,000, then such excess amount may be recommended for appropriation by the Kansas water authority for the same purposes as other SWPF moneys are appropriated for. HB 2558 would increase that threshold amount to \$50,000,000.

If enacted, the provisions of HB 2558 become effective July 1, 2026.