

February 9, 2026

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 2558 by House Committee on Water

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2558 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2558 would increase the amount of the State General Fund transfer to the State Water Plan Fund from \$35.0 million to \$60.0 million for July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030. The bill would also increase transfers from the State Water Plan Fund to the Water Technical Assistance Fund and Water Projects Grants Fund to \$15.5 million and \$22.5 million, respectively. Provisions of the bill would expire on July 1, 2031, instead of on July 1, 2028. On that date the Water Technical Assistance Fund and the Water Project Grants Fund would be abolished, and any remaining fund balances would be transferred to the State Water Plan Fund. The bill would increase the threshold for the Kansas Water Authority to be able to appropriate excess fund balances in the Water Technical Assistance Fund from \$15.0 million to \$36.0 million, and the threshold to transfer excess fund balances in the Water Projects Grants Fund to the State General Fund from \$35.0 million to \$50.0 million.

The Kansas Water Office (KWO), the Kansas Department of Agriculture, and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) indicate collectively that the enactment of the bill would not increase operational expenditures or immediately increase FTE positions. The additional funding would be expended for uses laid out in statute, but an exact determination of any funding split between agencies cannot be estimated. The KWO indicates that the enactment of the bill could require additional staff in future years to support and administer the enhanced grant fund appropriations but anticipates they could be supported using existing State Water Plan Fund resources.

*The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report* includes a transfer from the State General Fund to the State Water Plan Fund for FY 2027 totaling \$35.0 million and transfers from the State Water Plan Fund to the Water Technical Assistance Fund and the Water Projects Grants Fund totaling \$5.0 million and \$12.0 million, respectively.

Sincerely,

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

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Debra Jones, Kansas Water Office  
Lita Biggs, Department of Agriculture  
Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment