

HOUSE BILL No. 2357

By Committee on Appropriations

2-18

1 AN ACT creating the Arkansas river gaging fund.

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3 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

4 Section 1. (a) ~~(1)~~ There is hereby established in the state treasury
5 the Arkansas river gaging fund, which shall be administered by the
6 secretary of agriculture. All expenditures from the Arkansas river gaging
7 fund shall be for the operation and maintenance of the gages along the
8 Arkansas river necessary to manage the river under the ~~Kansas-Columbia~~
9 ~~Arkansas river compact~~, except that, after all expenditures are made
10 during the fiscal year for the operation and maintenance of the gages
11 along the Arkansas river necessary to manage the river under the
12 Arkansas river compact, then, in accordance with the following priorities
13 and subject to the expenditure limitations prescribed therefor:

14 (A) First, any remaining moneys authorized to be expended from the
15 fund for the fiscal year shall be expended for the purposes of livestock
16 market reporting in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 in a fiscal year, and

17 (B) second, if there are any remaining moneys authorized to be
18 expended from the fund for the fiscal year after the expenditures for
19 livestock market reporting, then expenditures shall be made from the fund
20 for the purpose of funding the blue stem pasture report in an amount not
21 to exceed \$5,000.

22 (2) All expenditures from the Arkansas river gaging fund shall be
23 made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director
24 of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the
25 secretary of agriculture or the designee of the secretary of agriculture.

26 (b) All moneys received as royalties from the state's oil and gas
27 leases in Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Gray and Ford counties shall be
28 deposited in the state treasury in accordance with the provisions of
29 K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto, and shall be credited to the
30 Arkansas river gaging fund. ~~When the total amount of royalties deposited~~
31 ~~in the fund is equal to or exceeds \$75,000, the secretary shall not credit~~
32 ~~any further moneys to the fund.~~

33 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
34 publication in the statute book.