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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Water
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 7, 2024
Subject: Bill Brief – SB 331

SB 331 would make statutory updates for consistency with federal regulations, including:

- (1) Removing an exception in the requirements for lead-free pipes and a definition of lead-free in the public water supply systems law; and
- (2) updating references to “small quantity generator” in the hazardous waste laws.

In the public water supply systems laws, K.S.A. 65-171r currently requires pipes or plumbing providing water for human consumption to be lead free but contains an exception for leaded joints necessary for the repair of cast iron pipes. SB 331 would remove that exception and would also strike the definition of “lead-free” contained in the exception.

In the hazardous waste laws, SB 331 would replace references to “small quantity generator” in K.S.A. 65-3415, 65-3415a, 65-3402 and 65-3460 with “hazardous waste generated by persons who generate less than the amounts specified in K.S.A. 65-3451(a) and (b)(3)”¹.

Additionally, the bill makes several technical updates.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources recommended SB 331 favorably for passage. The Senate Committee of the Whole passed the bill 34-0.

The bill becomes effective upon publication in the statute book.

¹ The amounts specified in K.S.A. 65-3451(a) is, “a total of 2.2 pounds (one kilogram) or more of acutely hazardous waste, as defined by subsection (y) of K.S.A. 65-3430, and amendments thereto, in any calendar month shall be subject to regulation by the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 65-3430 et seq., and amendments thereto.” The amount specified in K.S.A. 65-3451(b)(3) is, “from and after July 1, 1986, all persons generating 55 pounds (25 kilograms) or more per month.”