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## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2624

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Natural Resources

### **Brief\***

HB 2624 would allow public wholesale water supply districts to provide, by contract, to participating public agencies for the operation and maintenance of state-permitted wastewater treatment works, systems, and other facilities and services relating to the treatment of wastewater. In addition, the bill would permit rural water districts the power to contract with cities or counties, or both, to operate and maintain state-permitted wastewater treatment works, systems, and other facilities relating to the treatment of wastewater.

In addition, the bill would modify a section of law dealing with groundwater management districts. The modification would increase the maximum water withdrawal charge from the current \$.65 per acre-foot to \$1.00 per acre-foot.

### **Background**

The bill was introduced by Representative Sloan. Proponents at the hearing on the bill included representatives of the Kansas Association of County Planning and Zoning Officials, the Kansas Water Office, and the Kansas Rural Water Association. Testifying against the bill was a representative of the Kansas League of Municipalities. The bill was amended to permit only the operation and maintenance of state-permitted wastewater treatment facilities by public wholesale water supply districts.

The fiscal note on the original bill indicates that the bill would have no effect on the operations of the Kansas Water Office. In addition, the

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note indicates that there would be no impact on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources amended the bill to add the provision relating to the maximum withdrawal charges which groundwater management district boards may impose within their districts.