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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: 01/30/2024

Re: H.B. 2477; Increasing the maximum reimbursement from the Kansas agricultural remediation fund from \$200,000 to \$300,000 for an eligible person and from \$400,000 to \$600,000 when both a buyer and a seller or a lessee and a lessor are responsible for remediation and increasing the amount available to the Kansas agricultural remediation board for administrative overhead expenses from \$150,000 to \$175,000.

Section 1 would amend K.S.A. 2-3708, the statute that originally established the remediation reimbursement program.¹ The section would increase the maximum reimbursement from the Kansas agricultural remediation fund from \$200,000 to \$300,000. The Kansas agricultural remediation board, pursuant to rules or regulations, could set a maximum amount that is less than or equal to \$300,000. If the property has been sold or leased and both the buyer and the seller or the lessee and the lessor are responsible for remediation, the total reimbursable amount for a site would be raised by the bill from \$400,000 to \$600,000. The Kansas agricultural remediation board, pursuant to rules or regulations, could set a maximum amount that is less than or equal to \$600,000.

Section 2 would amend K.S.A. 2-3710, the statute that lists the powers and duties of the Kansas agricultural remediation board. Subsection (e) would be amended to increase the amount available to the board for administrative overhead expenses from \$150,000 to \$175,000.

H.B. 2477 would become effective upon publication in the statute book.

¹ General information concerning the Kansas agricultural remediation program can be found at the program's website: <https://karb.org/>. More specific information concerning the program can be found in the board's annual reports to the legislature.