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## MEMORANDUM

To: The House Committee on Water
From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: 1/30/2025
Re: H.B. 2112 – Requiring water supply system and wastewater treatment facility operator certification examination fees to not exceed the costs for such exams and eliminating the certification of operators through correspondence courses.

Under current law,<sup>1</sup> the secretary of health and environment has established a certification program<sup>2</sup> for operators of water supply systems and waste water treatment facilities.<sup>3</sup>

The statutory fee for each individual examination is currently set at an amount not to exceed \$25. Under Section 1, the maximum amount would be changed to "the cost of an individual operator certification exam".<sup>4</sup>

Additionally, the bill would repeal K.S.A. 65-4506,<sup>5</sup> which allows the secretary to accept the successful completion of a correspondence course of instruction in lieu of classroom instruction.

H.B. 2112 would become effective upon publication in the statute book.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>K.S.A. 65-4502</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/638/Water-Wastewater-Operator-Certification

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>K.S.A. 65-4501</u>

 $<sup>^{4}</sup>$  <u>K.S.A. 65-4514</u> (Moneys received from examinations go to the to the credit of the water program management fund established pursuant to <u>K.S.A. 65-166b</u>)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>K.S.A. 65-4506</u>