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MEMORANDUM

To: The House Committee on Water

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: 2/11/2025

Re: H.B. 2113, as Introduced: Transferring \$5,000,000 each July 1 to match federal funding for conservation districts, providing for the enhanced transfer of moneys from the state general fund to the state water plan fund and sunsetting such enhancements and the water technical assistance fund and the water project grant fund on July 1, 2028.

Establishment and Use of the State Conservation Fund

New Section 1 would establish the state conservation fund in the state treasury. Expenditures from the state conservation fund would be required to be made for the financing of conservation programs. On July 1, 2025, and each July 1 thereafter, or as soon as moneys are available, the director of accounts and reports would transfer \$5,000,000 from the state general fund to the state conservation fund. Moneys transferred to the state conservation fund would be used to: (1) provide a match of state moneys on the basis of \$2 of state moneys to \$1 of nonstate or private moneys; and (2) to fund or provide domestic water quality sampling. The division of conservation within the Kansas department of agriculture would be required to provide aggregate data generated from any domestic water quality sampling to the state geological survey.

Administration and Regulation

The division would be required to adopt rules and regulations to administer the expending of moneys from the state conservation fund. The division would also be required to solicit input and facilitate public comment from industry members and stakeholders in developing such rules and regulations.

Enhanced Transfers

Section 2 would state that on July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer \$55,000,000 from the state general fund to the state water plan fund. Of that amount each fiscal year, \$7,000,000 would be transferred from the state water plan



fund to the water technical assistance fund, and \$18,000,000 would be transferred from the state water plan fund to the water projects grant fund. The section would still be set to expire on July 1, 2028.

H.B. 2113 would become effective upon publication in the Kansas register.