

February 3, 2025

The Honorable Jim Minnix, Chairperson
House Committee on Water
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Minnix:

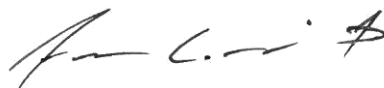
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2112 by House Committee on Water

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2112 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2112 would amend KSA 65-4513 to limit individual operator examination fees for water and wastewater certification to the cost of an individual operator certification exam. The current statutory limit is \$25.00 for individual operator fees in any one year and it is not specified that the fee is for examination. In addition, the bill would repeal KSA 65-4506 which allows for a correspondence course in lieu of classroom instruction for certification requirements.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), enactment of HB 2112 would have a net zero fiscal effect on the agency. There would be an increase in revenue to the agency's Water Program Management Fund as the agency would be allowed to charge the full cost of water and wastewater certification exams, but the increased revenue would be offset by expenditures for a third party contractor for exam development and administration. The revenue and expense estimates for FY 2026 and FY 2027 total \$90,550 and were calculated using a three year average of 871 exams and an exam cost of \$104.00 per exam. Prior to FY 2025, revenue for these exams was deposited into the State General Fund. The agency reports that the bill could also impact some local governments that elect to pay for operator exams. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2112 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Amy Penrod, KDHE