

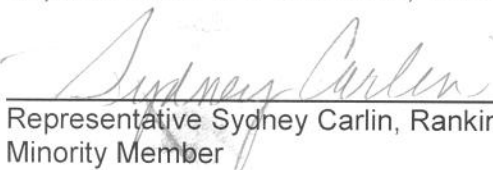
FY 2013

**Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee**

**Department of Agriculture  
Kansas Department of Health and Environment - Environment  
Kansas Water Office  
State Historical Society  
State Water Plan Fund**

  
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The Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee recommends adjustments to the FY 2013 budget as follows:

### **Kansas Department of Agriculture**

1. Add \$253,804, all from special revenue funds, for FY 2013 for the agency to purchase up to fifteen replacement vehicles. In addition, add language allowing the Secretary to purchase federal surplus vehicles or a used vehicle off the state vehicle contract if the off-contract vehicle has fewer than 25,000 miles and is at least \$5,000 less than the cost of a replacement vehicle under the state contract.
2. Shift \$924,014, all from the State Water Plan Fund, from the Water Transition Assistance Program and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (WTAP/CREP) to Water Rights Purchase, which was recommended by the Governor for FY 2013.

### **Kansas Department of Health and Environment – Division of Environment**

1. Delete \$900,000, all from the State Water Plan Fund, for the Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) for FY 2013.
2. The Budget Committee recommends that the Joint Committee on Energy and Environmental Policy review the Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) during the interim and make a recommendation to the 2013 Legislature whether the program should continue to be funded.

### **Kansas Water Office**

1. Add \$40,000, all from the State Water Plan Fund, for FY 2013 for Water Resource Education. This funding is primarily used to contract for Water Education for Teachers (Project WET), which provides lesson plans and teaching aids on water use and conservation to more than 200 Kansas teachers annually. The Budget Committee also recommends that a report be made to the FY 2013 Legislature on Project WET, including the metrics used to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

### **State Historical Society**

1. Add \$15,000, all from special revenue funds, for FY 2013 for the agency to purchase one replacement vehicle. In addition, add language allowing the Secretary to purchase federal surplus vehicles or a used vehicle off the state vehicle contract if the off-contract vehicle has fewer than 25,000 miles and is at least \$5,000 less than the cost of a replacement vehicle under the state contract.

### **State Water Plan Fund**

1. Transfer \$900,000, all from the State Water Plan Fund, to the Interstate Water Litigation Fund in the Office of the Attorney General for FY 2013

2. The Budget Committee recommends that the \$6.0 million statutory transfer from the State General Fund to the State Water Plan Fund occur in FY 2014. This statutory transfer has been reduced or eliminated every fiscal year since FY 2009. The budget committee notes the importance of water in the state of Kansas and the role that the State Water Plan Fund plays in maintaining state reservoirs, contamination remediation and pollution reduction, water quality, and water conservation efforts.