

Water Program Management Fund and Air Quality Fee Fund; HB 2548

HB 2548 establishes the Water Program Management Fund. Moneys deposited into the fund will come from permit fees for confined animal feeding facilities and permit fees for truck washing facilities for animal wastes established by the Secretary of Health and Environment. In addition, moneys will be deposited into the fund from interest attributable to investment of moneys in the fund; gifts, grants, or appropriations to be used for the purposes of the fund; and any other moneys provided by law. Moneys in the fund will be used for monitoring and investigating the quality of water of the state, payment of the state's share of U.S. Clean Water Act matching costs, payment for emergency action to assure public health or safety, payment of certain administrative and legal costs, and development of educational materials and programs for informing the public about water issues. The bill requires that an annual report be prepared and delivered to the Legislature regarding expenditures, fund revenues, and recommendations regarding the adequacy of the fund on or before the first day of each regular session of the Legislature.

In addition, the bill requires moneys from annual emission fees and approval fees which are fixed, charged, collected, or renewed to pay for the administration of the Kansas Air Quality Act by the Secretary of Health and Environment to be deposited in the Air Quality Fee Fund rather than the State General Fund.