

SENATE BILL No. 156

By Committee on Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT concerning water; relating to the Arkansas river gaging fund;  
2 amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-5,133 and repealing the existing  
3 section.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-5,133 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows: 74-5,133. (a) (1) There is hereby established in the state treasury  
8 the Arkansas river gaging fund, which shall be administered by the  
9 secretary of agriculture. All expenditures from the Arkansas river gaging  
10 fund shall be for the operation and maintenance of:

11 (A) The gages along the Arkansas river necessary to manage the river  
12 under the Arkansas river compact; and

13 (B) *the stateline groundwater gage sites in the Arkansas river basin*  
14 *necessary to manage the quantity and quality of such groundwater.*

15 (2) ~~Except that,~~ After all expenditures are made during the fiscal year  
16 for the operation and maintenance of the gages along the Arkansas river  
17 necessary to manage the river under the Arkansas river compact purposes  
18 listed in paragraph (1), then, expenditures shall be made in accordance  
19 with the following priorities and subject to the expenditure limitations  
20 prescribed therefor:

21 (A) First, any remaining moneys authorized to be expended from the  
22 fund for the fiscal year shall be expended for the purposes of livestock  
23 market reporting in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 in a fiscal year; and

24 (B) second, if there are any remaining moneys authorized to be  
25 expended from the fund for the fiscal year after the expenditures for  
26 livestock market reporting, then expenditures shall be made from the fund  
27 for the purpose of funding the bluestem pasture report in an amount not to  
28 exceed \$5,000.

29 ~~(2)~~ (3) All expenditures from the Arkansas river gaging fund shall be  
30 made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director  
31 of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the  
32 secretary of agriculture or the designee of the secretary of agriculture.

33 (b) All moneys received as royalties from the state's oil and gas leases  
34 in Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Gray and Ford counties, except those  
35 moneys arising from leases on lands under the control of the secretary of  
36 wildlife, parks and tourism as provided by K.S.A. 32-854, and

1 amendments thereto, shall be deposited in the state treasury in accordance  
2 with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto, and shall  
3 be credited to the Arkansas river gaging fund. During each fiscal year,  
4 when the total amount of moneys credited to the fund is equal to ~~\$75,000~~  
5 **\$95,000**, no further moneys shall be credited to the fund. The remainder of  
6 the moneys received for such royalties for such fiscal year shall be  
7 credited to the state general fund.

8 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-5,133 is hereby repealed.

9 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
10 publication in the statute book.