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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Billinger and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 2, 2022
Subject: **HB 2591; Repealing the state general fund and conservation fee fund transfers to the abandoned oil and gas well fund.**

House Bill 2591 repeals K.S.A. 55-193, the statute that directs quarterly transfers of \$100,000 from the state general fund and \$200,000 from the conservation fee fund to the abandoned oil and gas well fund. The statute has prohibited the state general fund transfer to the abandoned oil and gas well fund since FY 2004.

Revisions to K.S.A. 55-193 occurred in two separate bills during the 2021 legislative session – House Bill 2022 and House Bill 2007.

In House Bill 2022, the legislature updated the state corporation commission's authority to regulate and determine responsibility for abandoned oil and gas wells and abolished the well plugging assurance fund and transferred all assets and liabilities to the abandoned oil and gas well fund. In this bill, the legislature repealed K.S.A. 55-193.

In House Bill 2007 (2021 Mega Bill), the legislature updated the fiscal years in K.S.A. 55-193 to continue prohibiting the transfer from the state general fund to the abandoned oil and gas well fund during FY 2021, FY 2022 and FY 2023.

When a statute is amended in two separate bills, it creates a conflict between the two passed versions of the statute. When a statutory conflict is created through concurrent amendments to one statute, the Office of Revisor of Statutes will publish both versions of the statute during the publication process. The history section of K.S.A. 55-193 references both the repeal and the amendatory versions of the statute passed in 2021.