

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Water** recommends **HB 2279** be amended on page 1, in line 15, by striking all after "prepared"; in line 16, by striking all before the period and inserting "in accordance with K.S.A. 75-1120a, and amendments thereto"; in line 28, after "conservation" by inserting "and reduced consumptive use"; in line 33, by striking all after "(a)"; by striking all in lines 34 through 36;

On page 2, by striking all in lines 1 through 4; in line 5, by striking "(b)"; in line 6, after "all" by inserting "priority"; in line 8, after the period by inserting "Subject to the approval of the chief engineer, the board of each district may request an extension of up to six months to identify such priority areas of concern upon good cause shown and upon any terms or conditions required by the chief engineer. Priority"; in line 9, by striking ", but are not limited to,"; following line 9, by inserting:

- "(A) The estimated usable lifetime of groundwater is 50 years or less; or
- (B) an unreasonable deterioration of the quality of groundwater is occurring.
- (2) Priority areas of concern may also include areas where:";

Also on page 2, in line 13, by striking "; or"; in line 14, by striking "is"; in line 15, by striking all before "may"; also in line 15, after "occur" by inserting "; or

- (E) other areas identified by the board of a district and approved by the chief engineer.

(3) After the board of each district identifies priority areas of concern, the board shall submit a report to the chief engineer detailing the priority areas of concern, the nature of such concern and how the areas identified and developed";

Also on page 2, in line 16, by striking "(2)" and inserting "(4)"; in line 17, after "each" by inserting "priority"; also in line 17, after "to" by inserting "reasonably"; in line 19, by striking all after "area"; by striking all in line 20; in line 21, by striking all before the period; also in line 21, by striking "incorporated"; in line 22, by striking all before "submitted"; in line 24, after "plan" by inserting ", or any subsequent updates to such action plans as described in subparagraph (C),"; in line 26, after the first "plan" by inserting "and identified priority areas of concern"; also in line 26, by striking "is" and inserting "and priority areas are"; in line 30, after "practicable" by inserting "and incorporate the action plan and priority areas into the district's management program at the next annual review"; in line 31, by striking all after "(C)"; by striking all in lines 32 through 36; in line 37, by striking all before the period and inserting "Every five years, the board of each district shall review the priority areas of concern, any action plans previously adopted and the district at large to identify any new areas that meet the priority area conditions. Upon such review, the board shall update its action plan as necessary and shall submit such findings and any updates to the chief engineer"; in line 38, after "identify" by inserting "priority"; in line 39, by striking "a management program that includes a" and inserting "an action"; in line 40, after the comma by inserting "or subsequent updates to such action plans,"; also in line 40, by striking "adequately" and inserting "reasonably"; in line 41, after "may" by inserting ":

- (1) Designate priority areas of concern in accordance with subsection (a);
- (2) create an action plan in accordance with subsection (a); and
- (3)";

Also on page 2, in line 42, after "take" by inserting "such"; also in line 42, after "actions" by inserting "necessary";

On page 3, in line 1, after "act" by inserting "to carry out the action plan"; in line 4, after the period by inserting "All areas within a local enhanced management area established pursuant to

K.S.A. 82a-1041, and amendments thereto, on July 1, 2023, shall be considered to be in compliance with the requirements of this section until the first action plan review pursuant to subsection (a)(4)(C)."; in line 12, after the period by inserting "The Kansas water authority shall consider the efforts of such agencies to assist the districts when recommending appropriations of the state water plan fund.";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly; and the bill be passed as amended.

_____Chairperson