

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **HB 2279**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 1, in line 7, by striking "31" and inserting "25"; in line 12, after "the" by inserting "budget,"; in line 13, by striking all after "district"; by striking all in lines 14 through 18; in line 19, by striking all before the period; in line 21, by striking "financial statement included in the"; in line 23, by striking all after "(1)"; by striking all in lines 24 through 26; in line 27, by striking all before "a" and inserting "The most recent approved audit prepared in accordance with K.S.A. 75-1120a, and amendments thereto;

(2) an accounting of all assets currently held by the board;

(3) the budget adopted for the current year pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1026, and amendments thereto;

(4) a detailed description of the activities of the district; and

(5)";

Also on page 1, in line 32, by striking "(d)" and inserting "(c) Beginning in January 2025, the report shall summarize the action plans and activities undertaken pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto.

(d) Each year, each district shall publish the annual written report required by subsection (a) on the district's website.

(e)";

On page 2, in line 6, by striking "July 1" and inserting "December 31"; in line 7, after "each" by inserting "such board's"; by striking all in lines 10 through 12; in line 13, by striking all before "Priority"; in line 16, after "less" by inserting "or similar aquifer conditions exist as

evidenced by water level decline and water use data provided by the Kansas geological survey";

On page 3, in line 14, before "every" by inserting "At least"; also in line 13, by striking the second "the" and inserting "existing"; in line 17, after "its" by inserting "priority areas of concern and"; in line 36, after "within" by inserting "a district that have adopted"; also in line 36, by striking "established"; in line 38, after "be" by inserting "a priority area of concern with an approved action plan"; also in line 38, by striking "this section" and inserting "subsections (a)(1) and (a)(4)(B)"; in line 39, after the period by inserting "All areas within a district that have an established intensive groundwater use control area established pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1036, and amendments thereto, on July 1, 2023, shall be considered to be a priority area of concern with an approved action plan in compliance with the requirements of subsections (a)(1) and (a)(4)(B) until reviewed by the chief engineer pursuant to a schedule established in rules and regulations.";

On page 4, in line 7, by striking all after "(e)"; by striking all in lines 8 through 14; in line 15, by striking "(f)"; following line 16, by inserting:

"Sec. 3. (a) If a district owns, purchases or otherwise acquires land, no member of the board of such district shall farm such land for profit unless the board issues a request for proposal for farming such land.

(b) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to article 10 of chapter 82a of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 4, after "engineer" by inserting "; prohibiting groundwater management district board members from farming land owned by the district unless a request for proposal for farming such land is issued"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson