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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Sloan and the House Committee on Water and Environment
From: Nick Myers, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: House Bill 2079

Current law, in K.S.A. 8-1,134, allows certain governmental entities to permanently register their vehicles. Permanent registration is authorized for: (1) Vehicles owned or leased by cities, counties, townships, and school districts that are used exclusively for governmental or school district purposes; and (2) trucks and trailers owned or leased by community colleges and technical colleges that are used exclusively for truck driver training programs. An exception to permanent registration applies if a city, county or township vehicle is used for utility purposes. A vehicle that is used for utility purposes must be licensed for a period of five years and license fees must be paid as though such vehicle was registered annually.

House Bill 2079 amends K.S.A. 8-1,134 and would allow water districts to permanently register vehicles that are used exclusively for water district purposes. HB 2079 also provides that the utility use exception would not apply to water district vehicles. Therefore, water district vehicle registration would be permanent and not subject to the five-year licensing requirement for vehicles that are used for utility purposes.