

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2023

HOUSE BILL No. 2279

By Committee on Water

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1 AN ACT concerning water; relating to groundwater management districts;  
2 requiring groundwater management districts to submit annual reports to  
3 the legislature; directing groundwater management districts to submit  
4 conservation and stabilization plans to the chief engineer.

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

7 Section 1. (a) Not later than January 31 of each year, the board of  
8 each district shall submit to the house of representatives standing  
9 committee on water, the house of representatives standing committee on  
10 agriculture and natural resources, the senate standing committee on  
11 agriculture and natural resources and any other appropriate committees,  
12 and any successor committees, a written report on the finances and  
13 activities of the district ~~in the calendar year most recently audited. Such~~  
14 ~~report shall contain a detailed financial statement and a description of the~~  
15 ~~activities undertaken by the board and shall be prepared according to~~  
16 ~~generally accepted accounting principles in accordance with K.S.A. 75-~~  
17 ~~1120a, and amendments thereto. If the most recently audited year is not~~  
18 ~~the previous calendar year, then a draft or unaudited report for the previous~~  
19 ~~calendar year shall also be submitted.~~ A representative of the board shall  
20 appear before the committee upon request.

21 (b) The ~~financial statement included in the~~ annual report shall  
22 include, but not be limited to:

23 (1) ~~An itemized list of all income and the source from which the~~  
24 ~~income was received, including any grants and interest income earned;~~

25 (2) ~~an itemized list of all expenditures by the board; and~~

26 (3) ~~an accounting of all assets currently held by the board.~~

27 (c) ~~The annual report shall also include~~ a detailed statement that  
28 explains how the expenditures by the board served to further the  
29 conservation **and reduced consumptive use** of groundwater, the  
30 prevention of economic deterioration and the stabilization of agriculture or  
31 otherwise supported implementation of the district's management program.

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

34 Sec. 2. (a) ~~It is the intent of the legislature that the groundwater~~  
35 ~~resources of the state be conserved and extended by local water users for~~  
36 ~~the prevention of economic deterioration and stabilization of agriculture~~

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budget,

The most recent approved audit prepared in accordance with K.S.A. 75-1120, 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)

(c) Beginning in January 2025, the report shall summarize the action plans and activities undertaken pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto.

1 Kansas state university, Kansas state university extension system and local  
2 conservation districts shall provide assistance and support to each board as  
3 is reasonably necessary for the achievement of the goals set forth in this  
4 section. **The Kansas water authority shall consider the efforts of such**  
5 **agencies to assist the districts when recommending appropriations of**  
6 **the state water plan fund.**

7 ~~(f)(e) Beginning on January 15, 2025, the board of each district shall~~  
8 ~~submit an annual written report to the house of representatives standing~~  
9 ~~committee on water, the house of representatives standing committee on~~  
10 ~~agriculture and natural resources and the senate standing committee on~~  
11 ~~agriculture and natural resources, and any other appropriate committees,~~  
12 ~~and any successor committees, summarizing any activities undertaken~~  
13 ~~pursuant to this section in the previous calendar year. A representative of~~  
14 ~~the board shall appear before the committee upon request.~~

15 ~~(g)(f)~~ This section shall be a part of and supplemental to article 10 of  
16 chapter 82a of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

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