

Senate Subcommittee Report

Agency: Kansas Department of Health and Environment – Division of Environment **Bill No.** HB 2274

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Expenditure Summary	Agency Estimate FY 2023	Governor Recommendation FY 2023	Senate Subcommittee Adjustments
<i>Operating Expenditures:</i>			
State General Fund	\$ 4,295,821	\$ 4,295,821	\$ 0
Federal Funds	62,992,217	62,992,217	0
Other Funds	53,667,827	53,667,827	0
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 120,955,865	\$ 120,955,865	\$ 0
<i>Capital Improvements:</i>			
State General Fund	\$ 32,500,000	\$ 32,500,000	\$ 0
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	0	0	0
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 32,500,000	\$ 32,500,000	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 153,455,865	\$ 153,455,865	\$ 0
FTE positions	488.0	488.0	0.0

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Governor's Recommendation

The **Governor** concurs with the agency's FY 2023 revised estimate.

House Budget Committee Recommendation

The **Budget Committee** concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2023 with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$400,000 SGF and language requiring KDHE to contract with an independent third party to study the effects, including any potential adverse effects, of commercial or industrial transmission lines, wind turbines, solar arrays and hydrogen hubs on the health and safety to humans and animals and other environmental impacts, including air and water quality.

In addition, add language prohibiting KDHE from issuing permits/certifications for commercial or industrial transmission lines, wind turbines, solar arrays and hydrogen hubs and requiring any public utility that is currently constructing a transmission line, wind turbine, solar array or hydrogen hub project during fiscal year 2023 to inform KDHE of such project.

House Committee Recommendation

The **Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation with the following adjustment:

1. Delete the Budget committee recommendation that requires KDHE to contract with an independent party to conduct an environmental study and prohibits KDHE from issuing permits/certifications for new projects.