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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Water
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 15, 2022
Subject: Bill Brief – SB 358

SB 358 allows financing for public water supply system infrastructure projects that acquire water through a water transfer.

K.S.A. 65-163e established the Public Water Supply Loan Fund. This fund is used to provide loans to municipalities and water districts to replace drinking water infrastructure systems. The fund is administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Secretary of Health and Environment. A project is defined in K.S.A. 65-163d as “any acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement equipping, rehabilitation or extension of all of any part of a public water supply system.” However, under current law, a project does not include any project related to the diversion or transportation of water acquired through a water transfer.

SB 358 would eliminate that restriction found in the definition of project. The effect would be to allow money from the Public Water Supply Loan Fund to be utilized by municipalities to finance public water supply system projects related to water acquired through a water transfer.

SB 358 passed the Senate on the Consent Calendar, 40-0.