

74-2623. Study of certain matters by authority; report to legislature. (a) The Kansas water authority shall study and develop recommendations related to:

(1) The appropriateness of the procedures and the time required for perfection of water rights and other provisions of and procedures under the Kansas water appropriation act;

(2) siltation rates of public water supply impoundments and reservoirs and the impacts of such siltation on public water supply storage, flood control and recreational opportunities;

(3) aquifer resources, recharge rates, availability of surface water resources and the long-term prospects related to any necessary transition to dryland farming in areas of the state to maintain sustainable yield and minimum streamflow levels;

(4) water conservation plans and programs and means to improve the effectiveness of such plans and programs; and

(5) the potential for competing water needs for at least the next 20 years and means of addressing the competition.

(b) On or before January 8, 2001, the Kansas water authority shall submit to the house standing committee on environment, the senate standing committee on energy and natural resources and the house and senate standing committees on agriculture a report of the authority's findings and recommendations regarding matters studied pursuant to this section.

History: L. 1999, ch. 130, § 15; May 6.