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MEMORANDUM

To: Committee on Water and Environment
From: Nick Myers, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 7, 2017
Subject: House Bill 2241

House Bill 2241 creates two new water use fees and credits the money generated from those fees to the state water plan fund. Section 1 creates the surface water protection fee. The fee would be imposed on entities that have entered into water purchase contracts with the Director of the Kansas Water Office to purchase water from the state reservoirs. The surface water protection fee would be \$.40 per 1,000 gallons of water minus the contractual rate charged to the entity per 1,000 gallons of water. This fee would be administered by the Kansas Water Office.

Section 2 creates the irrigation water use fee. The fee would be imposed on persons who use water for irrigation purposes. The fee would be \$.005 per 1,000 gallons of water used for irrigation purposes. The amount of water used for irrigation purposes would be determined by the water use reports that are required to be submitted by irrigators. This fee would be administered by the Division of Water Resources of the Department of Agriculture.