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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Water and Environment
From: Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 6, 2018
Subject: House Bill 2564

House Bill 2564 would create a new statute that authorizes the Division of Water Resources of the Kansas Department of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations that would allow the Chief Engineer to order the removal of any end gun on a center pivot irrigation system and to prohibit the future use of end guns in areas of the state that are: (1) Fully appropriated; (2) closed to new appropriations; or (3) within the boundaries of a groundwater management district.

HB 2564 would also authorize a groundwater management district to recommend rules and regulations to the Division of Water Resources that would provide for the removal and prohibition of end guns within such district. As required under current law, the Division of Water resources must either approve or reject of such proposed regulations and provide its reasons for rejection or initiate procedures to adopt the proposed rules and regulations.

Subsection (c) provides that nothing in HB 2564 shall allow a reduction in allocations of water under any water right or permit to appropriate water.