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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: SB 358—Public Water Supply Projects

Senate Bill 358 would amend the definition of "project" in the public water supply project loan program to allow financing for public water supply infrastructure projects that acquire water through a water transfer.

The public water supply project loan program in K.S.A. 65-163e established the public water supply loan fund that is used to provide loans to municipalities and water districts to replace drinking water infrastructure systems. Currently, "project" is defined in K.S.A. 65-163d as "any acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement equipping, rehabilitation or extension of all or any part of a public water supply system." The definition also excludes any project related to the diversion of transportation of water acquired through a water transfer. SB 358 would strike that exclusion, which would allow moneys from the public water supply loan fund to be used to finance public water supply system projects related to the diversion or transfer of water acquired through a water transfer.

SB 358 would take effect upon publication in the statute book.