Session of 2011

## **HOUSE BILL No. 2357**

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT creating the Arkansas river gaging fund.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) (1) There is hereby established in the state treasury the Arkansas river gaging fund, which shall be administered by the secretary of agriculture. All expenditures from the Arkansas river gaging fund shall be for the operation and maintenance of the gages along the Arkansas river necessary to manage the river under the Kansas-Colorado Arkansas river compact., except that, after all expenditures are made during the fiscal year for the operation and maintenance of the gages along the Arkansas river necessary to manage the river under the Arkansas river compact, then, in accordance with the following priorities and subject to the expenditure limitations prescribed therefor:

- (A) First, any remaining moneys authorized to be expended from the fund for the fiscal year shall be expended for the purposes of livestock market reporting in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 in a fiscal year; and
- (B) second, if there are any remaining moneys authorized to be expended from the fund for the fiscal year after the expenditures for livestock market reporting, then expenditures shall be made from the fund for the purpose of funding the bluestem pasture report in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.
- (2) All expenditures from the Arkansas river gaging fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of agriculture or the designee of the secretary of agriculture.
- (b) All moneys received as royalties from the state's oil and gas leases in Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Gray and Ford counties shall be deposited in the state treasury in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto, and shall be credited to the Arkansas river gaging fund. When the total amount of moneys deposited in the fund is equal to or exceeds \$75,000, the secretary shall not credit any further moneys to the fund. When expenditures made from the fund result in the total amount of the moneys deposited in the fund to be less than \$75,000, the secretary may resume the assessment and collection of

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Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.