

**HOUSE BILL No. 2357**

By Committee on Appropriations

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1 AN ACT creating the Arkansas river gaging fund.

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

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

15 (A) First, any remaining moneys authorized to be expended from  
16 the fund for the fiscal year shall be expended for the purposes of  
17 livestock market reporting in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 in a  
18 fiscal year; and

19 (B) second, if there are any remaining moneys authorized to be  
20 expended from the fund for the fiscal year after the expenditures for  
21 livestock market reporting, then expenditures shall be made from the  
22 fund for the purpose of funding the bluestem pasture report in an  
23 amount not to exceed \$5,000.

24 (2) All expenditures from the Arkansas river gaging fund shall be  
25 made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director  
26 of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the  
27 secretary of agriculture or the designee of the secretary of agriculture.

28 (b) All moneys received as royalties from the state's oil and gas leases  
29 in Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Gray and Ford counties shall be deposited in  
30 the state treasury in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and  
31 amendments thereto, and shall be credited to the Arkansas river gaging  
32 fund. **When the total amount of moneys deposited in the fund is equal**  
33 **to or exceeds ~~\$75,000~~\$80,000, the secretary shall not credit any further**  
34 **moneys to the fund. When expenditures made from the fund result in**

1 **the total amount of the moneys deposited in the fund to be less than**  
2 **~~\$75,000~~\$80,000, the secretary may resume the assessment and**  
3 **collection of such moneys as provided in this section.**

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

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