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Budget Committee Report

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Executive Summary

Summary of Total Expenditures, FY 2023 – FY 2027						
	SGF	SWPF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2023 Actual	\$ 2,004,397	\$ 3,339,900	\$ 80,496,079	\$ 85,840,376	381.0	
FY 2024 Actual	2,210,871	5,843,459	91,843,133	99,897,463	398.2	
FY 2025 Actual	19,179,139	9,914,015	73,883,879	102,977,033	398.2	
FY 2026						
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 3,453,448	\$ 10,243,483	\$ 83,011,689	\$ 96,708,620	398.2	
Agency Revised Estimate	3,453,448	10,243,483	81,177,884	94,874,815	398.4	
Special Committee on the State Budget	3,453,212	6,773,021	81,177,884	91,404,117	398.2	
House Committee of the Whole	3,453,212	8,606,826	81,177,884	93,237,922	398.2	
Senate Committee of the Whole	3,453,212	9,497,660	81,177,884	94,128,756	398.2	
Legislative Approved	3,453,212	9,497,660	81,177,884	94,128,756	398.2	
Governor's Recommendation	3,453,448	10,243,483	91,421,367	94,874,815	398.4	
FY 2027						
FY 2026 Approved, with Adjustments*	\$ 2,630,580	\$ 6,773,021	\$ 80,609,570	\$ 88,863,171	398.2	
Agency Request	3,855,580	18,367,228	80,202,570	102,425,378	402.4	
Special Committee on the State Budget	3,055,580	5,623,021	80,202,570	88,881,171	398.2	
House Committee of the Whole	3,055,580	8,418,521	80,202,570	91,676,671	398.2	
Senate Committee of the Whole	3,355,580	6,848,021	80,202,570	90,406,171	398.2	
Legislative Approved	3,355,580	6,848,021	80,202,570	90,406,171	398.2	
Governor's Recommendation	3,355,580	7,836,531	88,039,101	91,394,681	398.4	

* Note : The approved budget includes expenditures in FY 2026 that are not included in the agency allocation for FY 2027. These expenditures are not included for FY 2027 as to better provide a point of comparison. For this agency, these adjustments include \$425,000 SGF for KEIMS database implementation and \$1.2 million SWPF for contamination remediation and local environment protection program.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment—Division of Environment protects the environment and public health through compliance, enforcement, and proactive activities. The Division includes five bureaus: Waste Management, Air, Water, Environmental Remediation, and Environmental Field Services (including the Office of the Director of the Division of Environment).

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Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026					
	SGF	SWPF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 3,453,448	\$ 10,243,483	\$ 83,011,689	\$ 96,708,620	398.2
Agency Revised Estimate	3,453,448	10,243,483	81,177,884	94,874,815	398.4
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
Change from Agency Revised Estimate	\$ (236)	\$ (3,470,462)	\$ -	\$ (3,470,698)	(0.2)
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 3,453,212	\$ 6,773,021	\$ 81,177,884	\$ 91,404,117	398.2
House Committees					
Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget	\$ -	\$ 1,833,805	\$ -	\$ 1,833,805	-
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ 1,833,805	\$ -	\$ 1,833,805	-
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 3,453,212	\$ 8,606,826	\$ 81,177,884	\$ 93,237,922	398.2
Senate Committees					
Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ -	\$ 2,824,639	\$ -	\$ 2,824,639	-
Ways and Means	-	(100,000)	-	(100,000)	-
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ 2,724,639	\$ -	\$ 2,724,639	-
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 3,453,212	\$ 9,497,660	\$ 81,177,884	\$ 94,128,756	398.2
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ 1,833,805	\$ -	\$ 1,833,805	-
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	-
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ 1,833,805	\$ -	\$ 1,833,805	-
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 3,453,212	\$ 9,497,660	\$ 81,177,884	\$ 94,128,756	398.2

Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$94.9 million, including \$3.5 million SGF and \$10.2 million SWPF, and 398.4 FTE positions in FY 2026. This represents an increase of \$4.8 million above the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature. The increase is primarily attributable to expenditures from agency trust funds, which are partially offset by reductions in expenditures from the Performance Partnership Grant Federal Fund.

Estimated increases include expenditures relating to underground petroleum storage tanks and Volkswagen mitigation, which are partially offset by expenditures for abandoned mined land.

The agency's request also includes adding 0.2 FTE positions in FY 2026.

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Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency's revised estimate in FY 2026 with the following adjustments:

1. Delete \$236 SGF in reappropriations in FY 2026.
2. Delete \$3.5 million SWPF to remove the following reappropriations in FY 2026:
 - a. \$800,382 for contamination remediation;
 - b. \$14,988 for local environment protection program (LEPP);
 - c. \$559,486 for nonpoint source technical assistance;
 - d. \$176,969 for total maximum daily load initiatives (TMDL);
 - e. \$876,823 for drinking water protection;
 - f. \$847,579 for watershed restoration and protection plan;
 - g. \$74,466 for aquifer recharge basin;
 - h. \$19,769 for harmful algae bloom pilot; and
 - i. \$100,000 for stream trash removal.
3. Delete 0.2 FTE positions in FY 2026.

House Committees

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026 with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$1.8 million SWPF to restore all reappropriations, with the following exceptions in FY 2026:
 - a. \$309,486 for nonpoint source technical assistance;
 - b. \$376,823 for drinking water projection;
 - c. \$847,579 for watershed restoration and protection plan;
 - d. \$2,769 for harmful algae bloom pilot; and
 - e. \$100,000 for stream trash removal.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation in FY 2026 with the following adjustment:

1. Delete \$269,000 SWPF for drinking water protection and add the same amount for watershed restoration and protection plan in FY 2026.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

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Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

The **Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026 with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$2.8 million SWPF to restore all reappropriations, except for \$645,823 SWPF for drinking water protection in FY 2026.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee on Ways and Means** concurs with the Senate Subcommittee's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustment:

1. Delete \$100,000 SWPF to remove reappropriations for stream trash removal in FY 2026.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$1.8 million SWPF to restore all reappropriations, with the following exceptions in FY 2026:
 - a. \$309,486 for nonpoint source technical assistance;
 - b. \$376,823 for drinking water projection;
 - c. \$847,579 for watershed restoration and protection plan;
 - d. \$2,769 for harmful algae bloom pilot; and
 - e. \$100,000 for stream trash removal.

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FY 2027

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2027						
	SGF	SWPF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2026 Approved, with Adjustments*	\$ 2,630,580	\$ 5,623,021	\$ 80,609,570	\$ 88,863,171	398.2	
Agency Request	3,855,580	18,367,228	80,202,570	102,425,378	402.4	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)						
<i>Change from Agency Request</i>	\$ (800,000)	\$ (12,744,207)	-	\$ (13,544,207)	(4.2)	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 3,055,580	\$ 5,623,021	\$ 80,202,570	\$ 88,881,171	398.2	
House Committees						
Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget	\$ -	\$ 2,795,500	\$ -	\$ 2,795,500	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ 2,795,500	\$ -	\$ 2,795,500	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 3,055,580	\$ 8,418,521	\$ 80,202,570	\$ 91,676,671	398.2	
Senate Committees						
Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,225,000	\$ -	\$ 1,525,000	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC</i>	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,225,000	\$ -	\$ 1,525,000	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 3,355,580	\$ 6,848,021	\$ 80,202,570	\$ 90,406,171	398.2	
Legislative Approved						
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ 1,557,000	\$ -	\$ 1,557,000	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ 1,557,000	\$ -	\$ 1,557,000	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 3,355,580	\$ 6,848,021	\$ 80,202,570	\$ 90,406,171	398.2	

* Note : The approved budget includes expenditures in FY 2026 that are not included in the agency allocation for FY 2027. These expenditures are not included for FY 2027 as to better provide a point of comparison. For this agency, these adjustments include \$425,000 SGF for KEIMS database implementation and \$1.2 million SWPF for contamination remediation and local environment protection program.

Agency

The **agency** requests \$102.4 million, including \$3.9 million SGF and \$18.4 million SWPF, and 402.4 FTE positions for FY 2027. The agency’s request is \$17.4 million more than the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature, with adjustments, for FY 2026. The increase is mostly attributable to agency enhancement requests. Other increases are attributable to expenditures from agency trust funds, which are partially offset by reductions in expenditures from federal funds.

The agency submits the following enhancement requests for FY 2027:

- \$500,000 SGF for the Water Program Management Fund.
- \$300,000 SGF for operator exam updates.
- \$9.9 million SWPF for Equus Beds.

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- \$1.9 million SWPF for contamination remediation.
- \$500,000 SWPF and 4.0 FTE positions for district office technical assistance.
- \$350,000 SWPF for LEPP.
- \$91,000 SWPF for nonpoint source program.

The agency's request also includes adding 0.2 FTE positions for FY 2027.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency request for FY 2027 with the following adjustments:

1. Delete \$500,000 SGF for the Water Program Management Fund for FY 2027.
2. Delete \$300,000 SGF for operator exam updates for FY 2027.
3. Delete \$9.9 million SWPF for Equus Beds for FY 2027.
4. Delete \$1.9 million SWPF for contamination remediation for FY 2027.
5. Delete \$500,000 SWPF and 4.0 FTE positions for district office technical assistance for FY 2027.
6. Delete \$350,000 SWPF for local environment protection program (LEPP) for FY 2027.
7. Delete \$91,000 SWPF for nonpoint source program for FY 2027.
8. Delete 0.2 FTE positions for FY 2027 for FY 2027.

House Committees

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027 with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$2.4 million SWPF for Equus Beds for FY 2027.
2. Add \$350,000 SWPF for local environment protection program (LEPP) for FY 2027.¹
3. Add \$45,500 SWPF for nonpoint source program for FY 2027.
4. The Committee notes the agency should work towards fee increases for the Drinking Water Operator Certification Program prior to requesting SGF to update the operator exam.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

¹ The House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget requests the House Committee on Appropriations consider adding an additional \$500,000 SWPF for LEPP for FY 2027, depending on available balances of the SWPF.

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Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

The **Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources** concurs with the Special Committee’s recommendation for FY 2027 with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$300,000 SGF for operator exam updates for FY 2027.
2. Add \$1.0 million SWPF for contamination remediation for FY 2027.
3. Add \$225,000 SWPF for the water systems regionalization feasibility study, and language outlining requirements for spending, reporting, and lapsing all moneys that are not certified as necessary for the study for FY 2027.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee on Ways and Means** concurs with the Senate Subcommittee’s recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee’s recommendation for FY 2027.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee’s recommendation for FY 2027, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$1.0 million SWPF for contamination remediation for FY 2027.
2. Add \$300,000 SWPF for operator exam updates for FY 2027.
3. Add \$225,000 SWPF for the water systems regionalization feasibility study, and language outlining requirements for spending, reporting, and lapsing all moneys that are not certified as necessary for the study for FY 2027.
4. Add \$32,000 SWPF from the Division of Health for FY 2027 (technical amendment).