

**Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2272**

By Committee on Water and Environment

2-17

1 AN ACT concerning water; creating the Kansas water authority science  
2 and research subcommittee.

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

5 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas water authority  
6 science and research subcommittee that shall be composed of three  
7 members as follows:

8 (1) The dean of the college of agriculture at Kansas state university or  
9 the dean's designee;

10 (2) the director of the Kansas geological survey or the director's  
11 designee; and

12 (3) the director of the Kansas biological survey or the director's  
13 designee.

14 (b) The Kansas water authority science and research subcommittee  
15 shall:

16 (1) Recommend research priorities and necessary funding levels for  
17 such research that will better determine the causes of ground water and  
18 surface water sustainability and water quality problems and alternative  
19 water sources;

20 (2) scientifically evaluate the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of  
21 state water plan- funded projects and programs;

22 (3) recommend re-prioritization of state water plan-funded projects  
23 and programs, if necessary, and recommend funding levels that would be  
24 necessary to carry out such projects and programs; and

25 (4) provide an annual report to the state water authority and the  
26 governor on or before August 1 of each year that includes the results of  
27 scientific research, project and program evaluations, and funding level  
28 requirements to continue the scientific assessments and the state water  
29 plan-funded projects and programs.

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