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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 560

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 560 amends statutes that specify how money can be used which is recovered from Colorado as the result of water litigation. SB 560 would specifically say that the money can be used for expenses related to the appointment of a River Master or other official appointed by the U.S. Supreme Court to enforce its decree and for expenses incurred by Kansas agencies to monitor actions to enforce the Court order.

Background

SB 560 was recommended by the Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee on the Attorney General's budget and would place in permanent law a policy that is contained in an appropriations bill for FY 2004. Current law provides that money recovered from Colorado will be credited to the Interstate Water Litigation Fund under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General and can be used to pay for activities in Kansas related to monitoring the settlement.

SB 560 was recommended at the request of staff in the Division of Water Resources, Department of Agriculture, who wanted to make it clear that expenditures from the Fund could be made for activities of other state agencies that will be involved in monitoring the settlement and also for expenses related to the appointment of a River Master or other official who could be appointed by the U.S. Supreme Court to administer, implement, or enforce its order.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

There would be no fiscal impact as the result of passage of SB 560.