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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 5, 2024
Subject: HB 2477—Kansas Agricultural Environmental Remediation

House Bill 2477 would increase the maximum reimbursement from the Kansas agricultural remediation fund from \$200,000 to \$300,000 for an eligible person and from \$400,000 to \$600,000 when both a buyer and a seller or a lessee and a lessor are responsible for remediation and would increase the amount available to the Kansas agricultural remediation board for administrative overhead expenses from \$150,000 to \$175,000.

Currently, the maximum reimbursement from the Kansas agricultural remediation fund is \$200,000 and the total reimbursable amount for a site is \$400,000. HB 2477 would amend K.S.A. 2-3708, which established the remediation reimbursement program, to increase the maximum reimbursement from \$200,000 to \$300,000.¹ Additionally, the bill would authorize the Kansas agricultural remediation board, pursuant to rules and regulations, to establish a maximum reimbursement amount that is less than or equal to \$300,000. The bill would also provide that if the property has been sold or leased and both the buyer and the seller or the lessee and lessor are responsible for remediation, the total reimbursable amount for the property would increase from \$400,000 to \$600,000. Additionally, the bill would authorize the Kansas agricultural remediation board, pursuant to rules and regulations, to establish a maximum reimbursement amount that is less than or equal to \$600,000.

Also, the current limitation on administrative expenses for the Kansas agricultural remediation board is \$150,000. HB 2477 would amend K.S.A. 2-3710 to increase the limitation on such administrative expenses from \$150,000 to \$175,000.

HB 2477 would take effect on July 1, 2024, upon publication in the Kansas statute book.

¹ General information concerning the Kansas agricultural remediation program can be found at the program's website: <https://karb.org/>. More specific information can be found in the board's annual reports to the legislature.