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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: January 23, 2024
Subject: SB 331—Removing an exception for leaded joints and a definition of lead-free and updating terminology relating to hazardous waste generated by certain persons

Senate Bill 331 would make statutory updates for consistency with federal regulations, including: (1) Removing an exception in the requirements for lead-free pipes and a definition of lead-free in the public water supply systems law; and (2) updating references to “small quantity generator” in the hazardous waste laws.

In the public water supply systems laws, currently, K.S.A. 65-171r requires pipes or plumbing providing water for human consumption to be lead free but contains an exception for leaded joints necessary for the repair of cast iron pipes. SB 331 would remove that exception and would also strike the definition of “lead-free” contained in the exception.

In the hazardous waste laws, SB 331 would replace references to “small quantity generator” with “hazardous waste generated by persons who generate less than the amounts specified in K.S.A. 65-3451(a) and (b)(3)”¹ in K.S.A. 65-3415, 65-3415a, 65-3402 and 65-3460.

Additionally, the bill makes several technical updates.

SB 331 would take effect on July 1, 2024, upon publication in the Kansas statute book.

¹ The amounts specified in K.S.A. 65-3451(a) is, “a total of 2.2 pounds (one kilogram) or more of acutely hazardous waste, as defined by subsection (y) of K.S.A. 65-3430, and amendments thereto, in any calendar month shall be subject to regulation by the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 65-3430 et seq., and amendments thereto.” The amount specific in K.S.A. 65-3451(b)(3) is, “from and after July 1, 1986, all persons generating 55 pounds (25 kilograms) or more per month.”