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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2280

As Amended by House Committee on <u>Utilities</u>

Brief*

The bill would require filing of memoranda of lease or easement involving generation of electricity from wind. The lessee or grantee of such an easement would be required to file the memorandum in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which the land is located. The memorandum would have to be filed within five business days after the lease or easement is executed.

Background

The House Committee amended the bill to require filing of a memorandum of lease or easement, rather than filing of the lease; to specify that the filing be made by the lessee or grantee of the easement; and to require that the filing be made within five business days of execution.

Representative Larry Powell and an individual presented testimony in support of the introduced version of the bill at the House Utilities Committee's hearing on the bill. Also at that hearing, a representative of Renewable Energy Systems North America, a wind energy developer, spoke in opposition to the introduced version of the bill. All three conferees suggested amendments to the bill.

The Division of the Budget's fiscal note for the bill states that the bill would not have an effect on any state fund. The fiscal note also states that the Kansas Association of Counties has no estimate of any

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additional revenue to counties that might be generated as a result of enactment of the bill.