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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 19**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Agriculture

**Brief\***

SB 19 would amend a statute that allows a tax levy to be made by the county commissioners of any county having a county fair association officially recognized by the Secretary of Agriculture, at the request of the fair association, to make a tax levy for the purpose of acquiring ground for a county fair building or the erection and maintenance of county fair buildings. Currently the statute limits any such annual tax levy to a rate that would result in raising no more than \$3,000 for these county fair purposes. The bill would increase the levy cap for these county fair purposes to \$33,000.

**Background**

SB 19 was introduced by the 2006 Special Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources following interim study of the regulation of county fairs. See pages 1-25 and 1-26, *Committee Reports to the 2007 Legislature*. At the Committee hearing on the bill, a representative of the Hodgeman County Fair Association appeared in support of the bill, noting the statute that would be amended by SB 19 was enacted in 1951 and that costs had risen since that time. The conferee also presented information on the actual costs incurred by the Hodgeman County Fair Association in recent years.

The fiscal note on SB 19 states there would be no fiscal effect on state funds from the bill. However, residents in counties that increase the tax levy to raise funds for their county fair association may see an increase in tax payments. The Kansas Association of Counties states it is not known how many counties would increase their levy rate to raise funds for a county fair association.

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\*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>