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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 249

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 249 would provide for the designation of natural resource development districts. The bill would allow a person owning land who desires to develop the natural resources on that land to submit an application to the city or county for the creation, enlargement, reduction, or dissolution of a natural resource development district.

Information on the natural resource development district would be available to the public and after approval by the governing body, the information would be filed with the register of deeds and be recorded on the deeds of the property within the district.

The application would be required to include a description of the applicant's operations within the district and the district's proposed limits. The governing body would have the ability to revise the description of the impact.

Background

The bill would create natural resource development districts that would be noted on deeds to property so that neighboring land owners would be aware of the use of the land. Testimony from the Kansas Aggregate Producers Association and the Kansas Ready Mix Concrete Association indicates that the bill would provide a method for the public to be informed of natural resource districts. A representative of a company in the rock quarry business also appeared in support of the bill. There were no opponents.

*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>

The Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government amended the bill to add language affecting the reduction of a natural resource district, and adopted several other clarifying changes to the language of the bill.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to allow the governing body to revise the description of the impact of the applicant's operations.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to clarify that action may be taken by a governing body on the "application for" creation, enlargement, reduction, or dissolution of a natural resource district.

The fiscal note indicated negligible fiscal impact related to creation of applicable forms and no fiscal impact to the state.