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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 326

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Utilities

Brief*

SB 326 would amend a portion of law which currently requires the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to develop a state energy plan in accordance with federal requirements.

The bill would:

- Require the KCC to prepare an emergency management plan (energy allocation and curtailment of energy consumption) for natural gas and electric energy to be adopted during activation of Emergency Support Function 12 of the Kansas Response Plan;
- Remove requirements for the KCC to collect and compile data on energy resources, monitor energy resources supplies in the state, cooperate in the implementation of any energy rationing program, prepare annual reports describing energy emergency management programs, and make and enter into certain contracts for implementing the provisions of this section of the law:
- Modify current statutory language regarding the Governor's potential declaration of an energy emergency by recognizing the law enacting the Kansas Response Plan, but would continue to allow the Governor to declare that a state of disaster emergency exists when the supply of natural gas and electricity is inadequate; and
- Modify the requirement that the KCC adopt rules and regulations establishing allocation of natural gas and electric energy or their curtailment of consumption during an activation of Emergency Support Function 12 of the Kansas Response Plan.

*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>

Background

At the hearing on the bill, the only conferee was a spokesperson from the KCC appearing on behalf of the KCC staff. The conferee explained that the group of laws being amended by the bill became the duty of the KCC when the Kansas Energy Office was abolished in 1983. The conferee stated that it was appropriate to update the existing statutory framework to provide clarity and prevent conflicts with more recent Kansas law. There were no other conferees on the bill.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to make a technical correction.

The fiscal note on the bill indicates that the KCC believes that there will be no fiscal impact.