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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2681**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Energy and Utilities

**Brief\***

The bill would repeal a statute, KSA 48-1604, that requires several state agencies to study the need for changes in state law arising from the presence in Kansas of nuclear materials and facilities. The statute also provides that the Governor may direct any agency to conduct such a study. In addition to recommendations for new laws or amendments to existing law resulting from those studies, the agencies are authorized by the statute to propose to the Secretary of Health and Environment necessary and appropriate rules and regulations.

**Background**

The statute was enacted in 1963 as part of an act that established a regulatory framework for “. . . development and utilization of sources of ionizing radiation for peaceful purposes consistent with the health and safety of the public . . .” The law was most recently amended in 1989.

At the House Energy and Utilities Committee hearing on the bill, a representative of Westar Energy presented testimony in support of the bill. No other conferees presented testimony to the Committee.

The fiscal note on the bill prepared by the Division of the Budget states that the Departments of Insurance, Transportation, Wildlife and Parks, Labor, and the Kansas Corporation Commission indicate that enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal impact on agency operations.

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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>