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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 115

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 115 would allow firefighters to temporarily blockade any public highway while in the discharge of their official duties. The bill also would replace the term “firemen” with “firefighters.”

Background

Andy Moffitt, Battalion Chief for the City of Chanute Fire Department and Kevin Flory, Northeast Trustee for the Kansas State Firefighters Association, testified that firefighters currently are allowed to blockade a roadway temporarily for the reason of firefighting. However, firefighters’ official duties have expanded to include hazardous materials incidents, emergency medical services, car accidents, and other duties that would require firefighters to temporarily block the roadway.

Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by Ed Klumpp, Legislative Chairperson, Kansas Association of Police Chiefs and Kansas Peace Officers Association.

The fiscal notes indicate that the passage of SB 115 would have no fiscal effect on municipalities as reported by the Kansas League of Municipalities.

*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>