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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE
SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 145**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

House Sub. for SB 145 would restrict to 50,000 pounds the gross weight on tandem axles of a cotton module issued a special permit for an oversize or overweight vehicle on a highway under the Kansas Department of Transportation's jurisdiction. It would exclude such a cotton module from being considered a "superload."

Background

The House Committee on Transportation recommended the introduction of a substitute bill. The original SB 145 would have amended current law to require vehicles to be driven in the right lane when two lanes of traffic are going in the same direction on a highway outside of any city. It also would require vehicles on highways with three or more lanes proceeding in the same direction not to be driven in the far left lane. The House Committee received no testimony on the substitute bill.

Kansas Administrative Regulation 36-1-35 defines "superload" as either of the following:

- A vehicle transporting a nondivisible load that is in excess of 150,000 pounds gross weight; or
- A vehicle transporting a nondivisible load in which any group or groups of axles exceed the limitations of these regulations.

At the time of committee action, no fiscal note was available on the substitute bill.

*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>