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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 299

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Utilities

Brief*

SB 299 would amend current law regarding underground hydrocarbon storage wells by adding a definition for “company or operator” which would include any legal entity, including but not limited to, a corporation, limited liability company and limited or general partnerships.

The bill would take effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The proponent of the bill was a representative for Williams Company, who testified that the amendment would allow, but not require, the Department of Health and Environment to accept the guarantee of any legal entity as satisfaction of a well owner or operator’s financial surety requirements. There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

Subject matter in this bill was introduced in HB 2271 which was heard by the House Committee on Energy and Utilities, and subsequently included in Substitute for HB 2014 as that bill was passed by the House.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget indicates passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the State.

*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>