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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2081**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2081 would extend the sunset provisions on dairy fees imposed by the Department of Agriculture from the current June 30, 2010 to a new sunset date of June 30, 2011. The bill would increase both the Kansas Grade A inspection fee and the manufacturing grade milk inspection fee from \$0.015 to \$0.0175 per 100 pounds of milk. Both of these fee amounts also would sunset on the June 30, 2011 date, when these fees would return to their prior levels.

Additionally, the bill would enact the following:

- Add a definition for the term “milk transport tanker wash station”;
- Require any person operating a milk transport tanker wash station to apply for and obtain an operator’s license from the Department of Agriculture. The license would cost \$65 and must be renewed annually; and
- Authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to reduce the dairy inspection fees when it has been determined that the fees are yielding more revenue than is necessary to administer the program. The Secretary also would be given the authority to increase or restore fees to levels not exceeding those limits outlined in the 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>

Background

The original bill was introduced by the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of a spokesperson from the Department of Agriculture.

At the hearing, proponents of the bill included an official representing the Department of Agriculture. Opponents of the bill included officials from the Kansas Livestock Association and the Kansas Farm Bureau.

After discussion, the Committee adopted a substitute bill. The Committee then amended the provisions of the substitute bill to increase two of the inspection fees outlined above.

The fiscal note for the original version of HB 2081 indicated that changes made under the bill would result in \$55,130 of additional revenue for FY 2010.