

SESSION OF 2009

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON  
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6011**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Energy and Utilities

**Brief\***

HR 6011 would request the Kansas Corporation Commission to study and report to the Legislature on several issues related to energy storage. Specifically, the Commission would be requested to do the following:

- Convene a group of stakeholders to study energy storage as a cost-effective way to stabilize renewable energy generation, address transmission congestion costs, increase system reliability, and increase the potential for distributive generation. The Commission would be asked to submit a report and recommendations based on that study to the Legislature by January 1, 2010;
- Establish a method of cost recovery and earnings on investments in energy storage devices by electric utilities, and submit a report and recommendations on this method to the Legislature by January 1, 2010; and
- Address cost recovery if energy storage is used in conjunction with generation, including asking the Southwest Power Pool to determine how cost recovery in these circumstances should be treated, and report to the Legislature on such cost recovery by January 1, 2011.

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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>

## **Background**

Representative Tom Sloan and Professor Emeritus Ray Dean, University of Kansas spoke in support of the resolution. Professor Dean noted that in order to be useful as a general source of power, wind power needs storage. There was no testimony in opposition to the resolution.

The Committee amended the resolution to delete language that would have requested the Kansas Corporation Commission to adopt rules and regulations to address energy storage devices by January 1, 2010.

There was no fiscal note on this resolution.