

SESSION OF 2010

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 396

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 396 would allow the Department of Agriculture to use funds from the agency's Laboratory Equipment Fund for acquisition, maintenance, and replacement of equipment used by the agency's Agriculture Laboratory and Metrology Laboratory. The bill also would allow the Department of Agriculture to transfer up to 10.0 percent of the carry-over balance of the following fee funds to the Laboratory Equipment Fund: Dairy Fee Fund, Fertilizer Fee Fund, Pesticide Use Fee Fund, Agricultural Liming Materials Fee Fund, Petroleum Inspection Fee Fund, Meat and Poultry Inspection Fee Fund, Entomology Fee Fund, and the Weights and Measures Fee Fund. In addition, the bill would place a cap of \$500,000 on the total amount of fees in the Laboratory Equipment Fund in any fiscal year.

Background

The Department of Agriculture and the Kansas Grain and Feed Association provided testimony in favor of the bill. The Kansas Cooperative Council also provided testimony in favor of the bill, but added that its support was contingent on section (d) of the bill as introduced remaining in SB 396. Section (d) of SB 396 as introduced stated that the Laboratory Equipment Fund would not be subject to diversions to the State General Fund.

There was no opponent testimony against 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>

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates that the bill would not have an effect on the state's revenue or expenditures.