

SESSION OF 2025

## **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2040**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Utilities

### **Brief\***

HB 2040, as amended, would extend the deadline for when the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) must issue a final order for an electric transmission line siting application from 120 days to 180 days.

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

### **Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications at the request of the Executive Director of the KCC.

### ***House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications***

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by the Deputy Director of the Utilities Division of the KCC. The proponent stated that the extended timeline would allow more landowner input and involvement in the transmission line siting process. The bill would allow the KCC to have more time to evaluate possible alternative routes for a potential transmission line.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board

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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 <https://klrd.gov/>

(CURB), Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB), and Kansas Livestock Association (KLA).

Neutral testimony was provided by representatives of Evergy and Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc (KEC). Conferees generally stated that the bill may increase costs to organizations engaging in transmission line siting dockets due to the extended deadline for a final order on an application. Conferees expressed appreciation for the greater opportunity for landowner input. Written-only neutral testimony was provided by a representative of ITC Great Plains.

No other testimony was provided.

### ***Senate Committee on Utilities***

In the Senate Committee hearing, no oral testimony was provided. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of CURB, KCC, KFB, and KLA. Written-only neutral testimony was provided by representatives of Evergy and KEC. No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to change the effective date to be upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the KCC indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency.

Kansas Corporation Commission; transmission lines; transmission line siting; electric transmission line