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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2064

As Recommended by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

HB 2064 would remove an exception that allows for the disposal of solid waste generated by drilling oil and gas wells through the practice of land-spreading.

[Note: The exception was passed by the 2012 Legislature.]

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of a representative of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

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In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Bureau of Waste Management, KDHE, and the Division of Conservation, Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). The proponents stated this law was enacted in 2012 to allow disposal of solid waste generated by drilling oil and gas wells through land-spreading, based on a similar law in Oklahoma. KDHE developed an agreement with the KCC to administer the program, monitor compliance, and establish mechanisms for enforcement and remedial action. However, this type of waste

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disposal has fallen out of favor in Kansas; the last request for a permit occurred in 2013.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Johnson County Department of Heath and Environment.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KDHE and the KCC indicate that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment; Kansas Corporation Commission; solid waste permit; oil and gas well drilling; land-spreading