

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2332

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2332, as amended, would establish a seal for the House of Representatives (House), specify when the seal may be used, allow the Speaker of the House (Speaker) to approve other uses of the seal, and would revise a term in law describing the Great Seal of the State of Kansas (Great Seal).

Seal Attributes—House of Representatives

The bill would establish the seal affixed to the front of the podium in the House Chamber as the seal of the House. As established by the bill, the seal would have the following attributes:

- The east is represented by a rising sun, in the right-hand corner of the seal;
- To the left of the sun, commerce is represented by a river and a steamboat;
- In the foreground, agriculture is represented as the basis of the future prosperity of the state, by a settler's cabin and a man plowing with a pair of horses;
- Beyond the agriculture representation, is a train of ox-wagons, going west;

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- In the background is a retreating herd of buffalo, pursued by two Native Americans on horseback;
- Around the top is the motto, “Ad astra per aspera,” with a cluster of 34 stars beneath the motto; and
- The circle is surrounded by the words, “Kansas House of Representatives.”

Seal Usage and Storage—House of Representatives

The bill would require the seal of the House to be kept in the office of the Speaker and used in attestation of official documents of the House. The bill would allow the Speaker to approve of other uses of the seal.

Additionally, the bill would allow the seal of the House to be used by any member of the House on any official stationery, newsletters, or other official communications, or for any personal use that does not convey an official position of the House. The bill would prohibit the usage of the seal for any campaign purposes.

Great Seal of the State of Kansas

The bill would revise language describing the Great Seal to replace the term “Indians” with “Native Americans.”

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Representative Estes.

House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Estes, who stated the House has not established a seal within law, although a seal currently is attached to the podium in the House Chamber. She stated the bill would codify the seal of the House found on the podium into law.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to:

- Insert provisions that would allow the seal to be used on official stationery, newsletters, or other official communications, or for any personal use that does not convey an official position of the House; and
- Prohibit the use of the seal for any campaign purposes.

House Committee of the Whole

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to:

- Revise language describing the Great Seal;
- Revise language in the underlying bill describing the seal of the House; and
- Make a technical amendment.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, Legislative Administrative Services indicates that any fiscal effect would be negligible on the Legislature's budget.

Great Seal of the State of Kansas; House of Representatives; Speaker of the House; seal