

SESSION OF 2026

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 465**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Brief\***

SB 465, as amended, would amend the Kansas Corporate Farming Law by requiring limited liability partnerships (LLPs) to obtain county approval to establish a dairy or swine production facility. The bill would also make technical and conforming amendments.

***Definitions***

The bill would add the definition of LLPs that exists in continuing law to the definitions in the Kansas Corporate Farming Law. The definition would be a partnership that has filed a statement of qualification under LLP law that does not have a similar statement in effect in any other jurisdiction.

***Ownership or Lease of Any Agricultural Land***

The bill would add LLPs to the corporations that are not allowed to own or lease any agricultural land in the state. The bill would also add LLPs to the corporations that would be subject to a civil penalty and divestment requirements if the Kansas Corporate Farming Law is violated.

The bill would add an exemption for any agricultural land held or leased by a LLP prior to July 1, 2026.

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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/>

### ***County Approval***

The bill would add LLPs to the list of corporations that are required to receive approval by a board of county commissioners in order to establish a dairy or swine production facility in a county. The bill would add LLPs to relevant protest petition and resulting election requirements in continuing law.

### **Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of Senator Peck.

### ***Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources***

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a resident of Ottawa County who stated there is a loophole concerning LLPs in the corporate agriculture statutes that could be exploited by out-of-state corporations, and the bill will close this loophole.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of Counties.

**Opponent** testimony was provided by representatives of Kansas Farm Bureau and Kansas Livestock Association who stated the bill is unnecessary government intrusion in the marketplace that will limit the ability of farmers and ranchers to choose the best operating entity for their business and would likely be found to be unconstitutional.

Written-only opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Corn Growers Association, Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association, Kansas Soybean Association, and Kansas Association of Wheat

Growers and a representative of the Kansas Pork Association.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to exclude from the prohibition agricultural land held or leased by a LLP prior to July 1, 2026.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Department of Agriculture indicates enactment of the bill would not have a significant fiscal effect on operations, and any expenditure increases could be absorbed within current agency resources.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of the bill could increase the costs surrounding open meetings to consider approval by increasing the class of entities that need approval for production facilities. It is unknown how changing these requirements would affect the number of facility applications and a precise estimate is not currently available.

Agricultural corporations; limited liability partnerships; counties; approval of dairy or swine production facility