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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2526

As Recommended by House Committee on
Energy and Utilities

Brief*

HB 2526 would amend KSA 55-152 to allow the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the supervision and disclosure of any hydraulically fractured well. Current law authorizes the KCC to promulgate rules and regulations for the construction, operation and abandonment of any well and the protection of the usable water of this state from any well. This bill would give the KCC explicit authority to regulate wells that have been hydraulically fractured.

Background

A representative of the KCC testified in support of the bill, stating that hydraulic fracturing was best regulated at the state level. Representatives of the Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association and of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association testified the KCC was the ideal place to address any hydraulic fracturing concerns. A representative from the Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club further testified the bill represented a smart, safe approach to regulating hydraulic fracturing. Additional written testimony in support was provided by Chesapeake Energy and the Kansas Petroleum Council.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget indicates that the bill would have no fiscal effect.

*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>