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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2596

As Recommended by House Committee on
Government Efficiency

Brief*

HB 2596 would repeal a statute concerning the Division of Water Resources within the Department of Agriculture (Chapter 74, Article 5). The statute, KSA 2011 Supp. 74-509, relates to the duties of the Irrigation Commissioner which were conferred on the Division of Water Resources by KSA 74-506b in 1927.

Background

The bill was introduced at the request of the Governor's Office of the Repealer. A representative of the Department of Agriculture testified in favor of the bill before the House Committee on Government Efficiency indicating the statute is obsolete because the duties referenced are not conducted any longer. Further testimony indicated the duties are unnecessary with the water right system currently in place and the data collection currently available. No opposing or neutral testimony was presented to the House Committee.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states the bill is of a technical nature; therefore, enactment of 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>