

SESSION OF 2012

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2604

As Recommended by House Committee on
Government Efficiency

Brief*

HB 2604 would repeal a statute concerning the Kansas Fertilizer Law (Chapter 2, Article 12). The statute, KSA 2011 Supp 2-1233, relates to the creation of a Fertilizer and Pesticide Compliance and Administration Fund and expenditures from the fund.

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, noting the fertilizer tonnage fee was modified by the 2002 Legislature to credit a portion of the fertilizer tonnage fee to the newly created Fertilizer and Pesticide Compliance and Administration Fund, thus reducing the receipts going to the Fertilizer Fee Fund by a corresponding amount. The representative also stated the 2009 Legislature, at the request of the Department of Agriculture, eliminated the Fertilizer and Pesticide Compliance and Administration Fund fertilizer tonnage fee breakout established in 2002 and restored the requirement for the fertilizer and pesticide program's share to go to the Fertilizer Fee Fund. Further, the representative stated the Fertilizer and Pesticide Compliance and Administration Fund is carrying a zero balance and serves no function. No opposing or neutral testimony was presented to the House Committee.

*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>

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.