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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2109**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Appropriations

**Brief\***

HB 2109 would authorize the Board of Regents to sell three pieces of property owned by Kansas State University (KSU), and transfer one piece of property owned by Wichita State University (WSU).

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations. In the House Committee hearing a representative from WSU testified University officials are in discussions with KG&E to pursue a mutually beneficial exchange of land. The exchange would provide KG&E the space necessary to replace an aging substation with a new substation to increase reliability and added capacity.

Two representatives from KSU testified in favor of the bill. One representative described the isolation of 7.5 acres of Marlatt Park from the remainder of the park due to the construction of Seth Child Road. The portion isolated does not contribute to the character of the park and will be sold.

Another representative from KSU described a tract of 0.838 acres located adjacent to the University Research Park and 17.54 acres located on the south side of Kimball Avenue and on the north side of the National Bio Agro-defense Facility construction site to be sold. The larger portion of land is where the Purebred Beef Unit was housed and was

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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 <http://www.kslegislature.org>

relocated due to a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

The House Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The fiscal noted prepared by the Division of the Budget states KSU would obtain real estate appraisals on the properties to determine the fair market value and any proceeds from the sale would be deposited in the Restricted Fees Fund. KSU also estimates costs associated with obtaining the appraisals would be absorbed within existing resources. WSU indicates it would receive a separate portion of land, along with other considerations as negotiated by the parties.