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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2729

As Recommended by House Committee on
Agriculture

Brief*

HB 2729 would allow a retailer to repack eggs located in a store according to requirements set forth in rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Agriculture.

At the House Committee hearing, the Director of the Division of Agribusiness Services for the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) provided testimony in favor of the bill, stating the KDA has heard from egg retailers that the repackaging requirements under the Kansas Egg Law are burdensome and could be improved with some changes. Under current law, retailers cannot repackage eggs without having to downgrade the egg quality grade. The Director stated the KDA would add the provisions of the current law to rules and regulations, except for the egg quality downgrade provision, along with other food safety and labeling requirements. Written proponent testimony was provided by the Director of Global Public Policy for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., which stated the Kansas egg repackaging law is restrictive and results in more food waste than necessary.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

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

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, KDA indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.