

SESSION OF 2019

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2168

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Education

Brief*

HB 2168, as amended, would authorize the Kansas Board of Regents to sell two pieces of property on behalf of Kansas State University and one on behalf of the University of Kansas, with the proceeds from the funds deposited to the restricted use account of the respective universities to be used for deferred maintenance. The bill would require the deeds, titles, and conveyances be reviewed and approved by the Attorney General. The conveyances would be subject to state appraisal requirements, but not subject to state surplus property requirements.

The properties are located in Douglas County, Riley County, and Saline County.

Background

HB 2168, as originally introduced regarding Cherokee County and Riley County land sales, was introduced in the House Committee on Higher Education Budget by Representative Phillips on behalf of Kansas State University. The House Committee on Appropriations amended HB 2168 to correct the legal description of the property in Cherokee County and to insert the contents of HB 2158, regarding Douglas County land sale, and HB 2159, regarding Saline County land sale. [Note: For additional background information on those bills, see the supplemental note for HB

*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>

2168, as amended by the House Committee on Appropriations.]

In the Senate Committee on Education hearing, a representative of Kansas State University testified the property in Cherokee County is an 80-acre pecan experimental field in Chetopa, Kansas that was gifted to the University and is no longer used. The parcel of land in Riley County is 4.473 acres and is located in in the North Campus Corridor adjacent to the Grain Science Campus. A representative of the University of Kansas testified that Oldfather Studios in Douglas County was a gift and it is too far from campus, it is in very poor condition, and the cost to renovate the building would be nearly half the replacement value of the building. A representative of Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus provided written-only proponent testimony stating the property in Saline County includes the original campus gym located on the Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus and is no longer used by the campus. The written testimony also noted the sale of the building would save paying a monthly utility bill related to the building.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to require the conveyances be subject to state appraisal requirements. The Senate Committee also amended the bill to remove the sale of the pecan experimental field in Cherokee County.

Fiscal Information

HB 2168 (As Introduced, Cherokee County and Riley County Land Sale)

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on HB 2168, as introduced, Kansas State University indicates the costs associated with obtaining appraisals would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources. Kansas State University indicates revenues from the sale would be remitted to the Restricted

Fees Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2168, as introduced, is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

HB 2158 (As Introduced, Douglas County Land Sale)

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on HB 2158, as introduced, the University of Kansas indicates there could be maintenance costs savings and the proceeds would be placed in the Restricted Fees Fund and applied to deferred maintenance. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of HB 2158, as introduced, is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

HB 2159 (As Introduced, Saline County Land Sale)

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on HB 2159, as introduced, Kansas State University indicates the costs associated with obtaining appraisals would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources. Kansas State University indicates revenues from the sale would be remitted to the Restricted Fees Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of HB 2159, as introduced, is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.