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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2367

As Recommended by House Committee on
Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

Brief*

HB 2367 would amend law to clarify the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) has authority to regulate the activities or facilities of an otherwise jurisdictional entity with regard to wire stringing.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.

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Telecommunications***

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of KCC and Pioneer Electric, who stated the bill would improve public safety by requiring owners of generator lead lines that connect power from private generation facilities to the transmission grid to design and construct transmission lines in accordance with national safety standards.

Neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Advanced Power Alliance, who noted the bill would give KCC a role in regulating certain transmission lines that are not part of the Southwest Power Pool's transmission system.

*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>

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

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

Public utilities; electric power lines; regulation; wire stringing; Kansas Corporation Commission