

SESSION OF 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 331

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

SB 331 would make various updates in state hazardous waste laws and public water supply systems laws.

The bill would replace references to “small quantity generator” with “hazardous waste generated by persons who generate less than the amounts specified” in hazardous waste law and would remove an exception in the requirements for lead-free pipes and a definition of “lead-free” in the public water supply systems law.

The bill would also make technical and conforming amendments.

Background

The bill was prefiled for introduction on January 5, 2024, by Senator Kerschen.

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and Kansas Municipal Utilities. The proponents stated these specific state laws are outdated, inconsistent, and confusing for the regulated

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community, and the bill would update and align state law with federal regulations.

No other testimony was provided.

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

Fiscal Information

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

The League of Kansas Municipalities reports that cities could see increased costs associated with the redefining of “lead-free” and the removal of the exception for leaded joints from the public water supply system laws due to cities’ requirement to remove and replace leaded joints from the public water system.

The Kansas Association of Counties reports that, generally, counties do not manage public water systems, so the bill’s provisions would not have an impact on counties; however, because counties do manage solid waste, the bill could have some impact on solid waste management, but a fiscal effect could not be estimated.

Public water supply systems; hazardous waste; lead-free pipes; small quantity generator