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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairman Hedke and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment  
From: Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Date: 02/08/2016  
RE: House Bill 2517

HB 2517 would amend K.S.A. 65-3415a, 65-3424d and 65-3424g concerning the excise tax on vehicle tires and repeal K.S.A. 65-3426 concerning the Solid Waste Grant Advisory Committee.

Under current law, an excise tax of \$.25 per tire is assessed and deposited in the waste tire management fund. The funds can be used to pay personnel expenses to carry out the duties of the secretary; for actions by KDHE to implement interim measures to minimize nuisances or risks to public health or the environment; for actions by the KDHE to pay for the removal and disposal or on-site stabilization of waste tires; for the costs of using contractors for public education, training, and the requirements of K.S.A. 65-3424k<sup>1</sup>; for grants to public or private entities for projects to recycle waste tires; and for grants to local units of government for schools to purchase products made from recycled waste tires. All the grant applications received for waste tire recycling grants are currently reviewed by the Solid Waste Grants Advisory Committee.

The bill would reduce the excise tax established in KSA 65-3424d from \$.25 per tire sold to \$.15 per tire and abolish the Solid Waste Grant Advisory Committee. The bill would also eliminate the uses of the fund for the costs of contractors, for grants to entities for recycled waste tire projects, and for grants to schools. The waste tire management fund would continue to be used to pay personnel expenses, for actions by KDHE to implement measures to minimize risks to public health, and for actions by KDHE to pay for removal of waste tires.

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<sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 65-3424k(i) requires that the “secretary shall enter into contracts with one or more associations of tire retailers to: (1) Assist in disseminating information to all tire retailers on the requirements of solid waste laws and rules and regulations relating to waste tires; (2) establish a point of contact for persons requesting information on solid waste laws and rules and regulations relating to waste tires; (3) assist in planning and implementing conferences, workshops, and other requested training events for persons involved in the generation, transportation, processing, or disposal of waste tires; and (4) assemble and analyze data on waste tire management by tire retailers in Kansas.”