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## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2602

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Agriculture

### **Brief\***

HB 2602 would amend one section of the Noxious Weed Law regarding the establishment of a program to provide chemical materials used in the control and eradication of noxious weeds to landowners through chemical dealers on a discount basis. Specifically, the bill would allow there to be a petition with a proposition calling for an election to establish a county program to provide chemical materials through chemical dealers using discount certificates. If the petition is valid, then the county election officer would submit the question at the next state or county-wide regular or special election. The results of the election would be published in the *Kansas Register*. If the majority of the votes cast were in favor of the establishment of such a program, the county would be required to establish the program within 18 months.

### **Background**

This bill is identical to the version of 2001 Sub. for HB 2468 which the House Agriculture Committee passed during the 2001 Legislative Session. During the 2001 Legislative Session, Sub. for HB 2468 was amended and finally approved, but contained provisions addressing the issue of foot and mouth disease in livestock. When the original provisions were removed from Sub. for HB 2468, the House Committee on Agriculture reintroduced its version of the bill in the form of HB 2602.

During the 2001 Legislative Session, the House Agriculture Committee conducted extensive hearings on the original HB 2468, which would have extensively modified the Kansas Noxious Weed Law.

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\*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.accesskansas.org/legislature/>

After consideration, the House Agriculture Committee chose to adopt a substitute bill amending only one section of the Noxious Weed Law.

According to the Departments of Agriculture and Health and Environment, the bill would not have a fiscal impact on state revenues or expenditures.

The Senate Agriculture Committee amended the bill to return to current law which allows boards of county commissions to adopt a resolution establishing a program to provide chemical materials used in the control and eradication of noxious weeds to landowners on a discount basis. In addition, the Senate Committee provided for a petition process to place on the election ballot the issue as to whether the county should establish a program to provide chemical materials used on noxious weeds to landowners on a discount basis.