

SESSION OF 2003

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2045

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2045 authorizes certain rural water districts to be reimbursed for relocating the district's water lines or not be charged for the relocations if the county relocates the lines unless the county determines it is in its best interest to waive the reimbursement. The water district must have 90 percent or more of its water lines on private rights-of-way excluding lines that cross highways. The bill applies to all county road projects which are funded in whole or part by state money.

The House amendments deleted language making the bill apply to projects in progress and made other clarifications.

The House Committee of the Whole made the reimbursement by the county, optional.

Background

The bill was supported by the Kansas Rural Water Association and several rural water district representatives from around the state. Proponents said the bill extends the reimbursement policy now available for rural water districts on state highway projects.

A representative of the Kansas Association of Counties offered several amendments to the bill.

The bill has no fiscal effect on the state.

*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/klrd>