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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2245

As Recommended by House Committee on
Agriculture

Brief*

HB 2245 would extend the date of a tolerance exemption for aggregate product scales. The current minimum tolerance for these types of scales is +/- 100 pounds. The bill would allow the exemption until August 31, 2005, from the current expiration of July 1, 2003.

Background

This bill was introduced at the request of the Kansas Aggregate Producers' Association. The Committee was told that the current exemption was provided for in the 2001 Session in order to allow older aggregate scales greater flexibility to meet current weights and measures standards. The conferee explained the current request for extension is intended to allow the Association the opportunity to present this issue to the National Conference on Weights and Measures concerning the granting of this exemption in the *National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 44*. The other conferee on the bill was the Acting Secretary of Agriculture. He stated that it would be premature to revert to the original tolerance as long as there is a chance that it will change at the national level.

The fiscal note indicates no impact on the Department of Agriculture.

*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>