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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2461

As Amended by House Committee on Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2461 authorizes the Secretary of Corrections to transfer, at no cost, approximately 7.2 acres of land located in Reno County to the City of Hutchinson.

The bill also exempts this land transfer from the provisions of KSA 75-3043a, which requires an appraisal before the state or any of its agencies disposes of real estate property. It further requires that the deed conveying the land be approved by the Attorney General and executed by the Secretary of Corrections.

The amendment adopted by the House Appropriations Committee made a technical correction in the property's legal description.

If passed, HB 2461 would become effective at the time of publication in the statute book.

Background

The City of Hutchinson recently approached the Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF) with a request to transfer the land in question. City officials expressed their desire to build an animal shelter on the property, which is located near property owned by the Carey Salt company. Both the HCF Warden and the Secretary of Corrections have determined they do not anticipate any correctional use for the land in the foreseeable future.

The Secretary of Corrections indicated he has suggested transferring the land, instead of loaning it. Because of the City's plans to locate an animal shelter there, the Secretary believes it is preferable to be certain as to who is legally responsible for cleanup and other responsibilities.

*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>

According to a March 27 fiscal note from the Division of the Budget, the bill would have no fiscal impact.