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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 353

As Amended by House Committee on
Agriculture

Brief*

SB 353 would eliminate the July 1, 2005 sunset on the authority of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture to designate any county in the state a sericea lespedeza disaster area after consulting with the board of county commissioners.

In addition, the bill would eliminate the sunset date of June 30, 2007, contained in KSA 2003 Supp. 2-1334. This section of law requires the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks to cooperate on a sericea lespedeza control and eradication project at Toronto Lake.

Background

This bill was introduced at the request of a spokesperson from the Kansas Department of Agriculture. At the hearing on the bill, a representative of the agency explained that the authority was given to the Secretary in 2002 and that so far, 14 counties have completed the process to become sericea lespedeza disaster areas. Such designation allows conservation districts to aid in the control and eradication of sericea lespedeza.

A spokesperson from the Kansas Livestock Association appeared in support of the bill.

The House Committee on Agriculture amended the bill to eliminate a sunset date on a sericea lespedeza control and eradication project coordinated by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks at Toronto Lake.

*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>

The fiscal note indicates that the original bill would have no fiscal impact.