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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 416

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Natural Resources

Brief*

SB 416 would amend one section of the statutes dealing with solid waste to permit cities and counties to use money raised by fees authorized by the section to be used for recycling programs. The fees permitted by this section of law are those used to fund local government services relating to solid waste management.

Background

This bill was requested by a spokesperson from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). At the hearing on the bill, the spokesperson stated the bill was necessitated by the definition of solid waste in another section of the solid waste laws. This definition excludes recyclable materials from the definition and therefore impacts what the fees raised by cities and counties can be used for under the law. The spokesperson stated that the reason that recyclables were excluded from the definition of solid waste was to avoid the need to issue a solid waste permit to every facility which handles these kinds of materials.

Also testifying in support of the bill were a spokesperson representing Sedgwick County and representatives of the Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities. There were no opponents to the bill.

The fiscal note on the bill indicates that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Department of Health and Environment. It also states that in localities where there is a fee assessed for recycling programs, there will be a fiscal effect, but that the amount of the local

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fiscal effect is not known at this time.