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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 524**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Agriculture

**Brief\***

SB 524 would amend numerous sections of law dealing with the Department of Agriculture and the Secretary of Agriculture to strike references to the previous State Board of Agriculture.

**Background**

In 1995, legislation was enacted as a result of a lawsuit which declared that the manner of selection of the Secretary of Agriculture by the then State Board of Agriculture was unconstitutional. This legislation provided for the establishment of the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the current manner of selection of the Secretary of Agriculture. Since that time, no legislation has been enacted to clean up the statutory references to the previous State Board of Agriculture.

Both the Senate Committee of the Whole and the House Agriculture Committee amended the bill to clarify additional provisions of law that were not amended by the original version of the bill.

Staff explained the bill and indicated that there were no policy changes included in the bill. There were no conferees on the bill.

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