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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2480

As Recommended by House Committee on
Environment

Brief*

HB 2480 would add the State Biologist as an ex-officio member of the Kansas Water Authority and increase the number of members of the Authority from 23 to 24.

Background

This bill was introduced by Representative Sloan. At the hearing on the bill, Representative Sloan stated that the Biological Survey has data and data collecting/analysis capabilities that the Kansas Water Office needs, yet the interactions between the two agencies was limited by the absence of a forum at which the agency heads can identify common goals and share resources. He also stated that the Biological Survey is the only state agency whose primary responsibility is water that is currently excluded from the Kansas Water Authority. The State Biologist appeared in support of the bill. There were no opponents to the bill.

The fiscal note on the bill states that the Kansas Water Office can support the costs associated with an additional member to the Kansas Water Authority through existing resources.

*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>