

SESSION OF 2004

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2901**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Appropriations

**Brief\***

HB 2901, as amended, would require that, from the effective date of the bill, any public broadcasting facility receiving an equipment grant under the Kansas Public Broadcasting Council Act would file a lien assuring the state's reversionary interest in all equipment purchased with the grant. The lien would be subordinate to any priority lien granted to the United States government under provisions of the Public Telecommunications Act of 1992. The lien would be in effect for ten years from the date of the purchase of the equipment. The state would exercise the lien only in situations in which stations have used state grant funds to purchase equipment under the Kansas Public Broadcasting Council Act and then ceased broadcasting as a Kansas public television or Kansas public radio station. Current law allows stations that have discontinued service as a Kansas public television or Kansas public radio station to keep or dispose of equipment by the managing or sponsoring organization of the television or radio station.

**Background**

Representative Shriver testified in support of the bill, and offered an amendment suggested by the Public Broadcasting Council.

The bill as introduced did not give a priority lien to the federal government.

According to the fiscal note submitted by the Division of the Budget, HB 2901 would have a fiscal impact only if a public television or radio station closed operations and only to the extent that the state recouped any part of the value of property or equipment originally

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