

SESSION OF 2004

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6020**

As Recommended by House Committee on Agriculture

Brief*

HR 6020 would approve the Governor's Executive Reorganization Order No. 32 to transfer certain food safety programs from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

ERO 32 would transfer all powers, duties, and functions under the food service and lodging act, KSA 36-501 *et seq.*, relating to the licensing, inspection, and regulation of mobile retail ice cream vendors; food service establishments located in retail food stores; food vending machines; food vending machine companies; and food vending machine dealers from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA). In addition, all powers, duties, and functions under KSA 65-688 through KSA 65-689 relating to the licensing, inspection, and regulation of retail food stores and food processing plants also would transfer from KDHE to KDA. The effective date of the transfer of these programs would be October 1, 2004.

Background

HR 6020 was adopted after the House Committee on Agriculture conducted hearings on ERO 32.

Those appearing in support of the ERO included representatives of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Department of Agriculture, the Kansas Cooperative Council, and the Kansas Agricultural Alliance. Taking no position on the ERO was a spokesperson representing the Kansas Food Dealers Association and the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association. Appearing in

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opposition to the bill was a spokesperson from the Kansas Public Health Association and an individual from Topeka.