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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 293

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 293 would allow the Kansas State Historical Society to convey up to four acres of land to the City of Fairway, Kansas. This land is part of the Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site. The bill provides that the land is to be used for a public building. Funding received by the State Historical Society would go to a fund created for the Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site. The new fund would be used for development, interpretation, repair, maintenance, and other expenditures for the Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site, including the costs of the sale and conveyance of this land.

Background

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means heard testimony that the sale of this land would provide needed funding for programs at the Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site. The land being conveyed is currently vacant. The City of Fairway intends to construct a new city hall and police station on the land. The fiscal note estimated the sale of the land to generate approximately \$450,000.

Testimony in support of the bill cited benefits for both the city and the Shawnee Indian Mission. Testimony in opposition to the bill addressed the removal of green space and long-term impact to the Shawnee Indian Mission. The State Historical Society expects the costs associated with the appraisal and survey of the land to be paid by the City of Fairway.

*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>

Proponents appearing on the bill included Senator David Wysong, the City of Fairway, Kansas, the Kansas State Historical Society, and two individuals who are on the board of the Shawnee Indian Mission Development Project Committee. A private citizen appeared as an opponent.