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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2349

As Recommended by House Committee on
Utilities

Brief*

The bill would amend the statute that defines terms used in state annexation laws. Specifically, the term "owner" would be redefined to include a lease holder who has at least a ten-year lease. In those instances, both the tenant and the lessor would be considered to be owners for purposes of the annexation laws.

Background

Under Kansas' annexation laws, landowners must be provided with certain notices and may consent to or withhold their consent to annexation under certain circumstances. The bill's proponent said, in testimony to the House Committee on Utilities, that the amendment to existing law proposed in the bill would provide lessees an opportunity to object to annexation. A representative of the League of Kansas Municipalities presented testimony to the House Committee in opposition to the bill suggesting that amendment of the zoning and planning statutes might more effectively address the problem presented by the bill's proponent.

The Division of the Budget's fiscal note for the bill states that enactment would not have a fiscal impact on any state agency.

*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>