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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2606**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

HB 2606 would amend the law concerning crimes and criminal procedure by adding the term water to the list of items subject to theft of services. Under current law theft of resources includes electricity, natural gas, telephone service or cable television services.

The bill also would clarify that rural water districts and rural electric cooperatives shall be considered public utilities.

**Background**

Representative Dan Johnson appeared in support of the bill.

No one appeared in opposition to the measure.

The House Committee on Judiciary amended the bill to clarify that rural water districts and rural electric cooperatives would be considered public utilities.

The fiscal note indicates that the Office of Judicial Administration is unable to estimate the fiscal effect of the bill since it is not known how many cases would be filed as a result of the passage of HB 2606, although it is not likely that the number of filings would be large. The Kansas Water Office indicates that passage of the bill would not affect agency revenue or expenditures.

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\*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>