

SESSION OF 2006

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2796

As Recommended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2796 would add a line item appropriation of \$67,000 from the State General Fund to the Department of Agriculture in FY 2006 for a Kansas horticulture industries survey. The fund would reappropriate to FY 2007. The funding would be expended for a statewide survey, done once every five years, of Kansas horticulture industries conducted by the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service of the Department of Agriculture.

Background

Representative Jerry Henry spoke in support of HB 2796, along with members of the Kansas Association of Horticulture Industries, the Kansas Greenhouse Growers Association, and an orchard owner. The conferees noted the importance of the survey in demonstrating the impact of horticulture industries on the economy of the state. The size of this impact, in turn, affects the ability of the industry to access federal dollars for grants and other programs.

Representatives of the Kansas Christmas Tree Growers Association, Kansas Nursery and Landscape Association, Kansas Fruit Growers Association, Kansas Vegetable Growers Association, and the Golf Course Superintendents Association were present to support the bill.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture appeared as a neutral party.

*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>