

SESSION OF 2006

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2872

As Recommended by House Committee
on Wildlife, Parks and Tourism

Brief*

HB 2872 would designate the grass known as Little Bluestem as the official grass of the state of Kansas.

Background

Conferees who testified in favor of the bill included Representative Yoder; Jan Anderson, Science Teacher at Shawnee Mission South High; Jeremy Roberts, student; Jerrod Reddick, student; and Stephanie Waxman, student. Conferees stated the important characteristics of the little bluestem. They noted, among other things, that:

- It is found throughout the State of Kansas;
- Due to its hardiness the grass is becoming a preferred grass among homeowners;
- The grass will tolerate high soil salinity or alkaline conditions;
- It is drought resistant;
- It is one of the most commonly observed native grasses found along roadsides; and
- Its seeds are consumed by small mammals and waterfowl.

No conferees testified against the bill.

No fiscal note was available when the House Committee took action on the bill.

*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>