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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2063

As Recommended by House Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

HB 2063 would address certain fees which pertain to the Weights and Measures Program of the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA). Specifically, the bill would:

- Increase the hourly fees for certification services performed by KDA's Metrology Lab from \$50 to \$70;
- Delete the fees charged under the Head House Scale Program; and
- Make permanent license application fees and renewal fees for service companies under the Weights and Measures Program and set those fees at \$100 per year by eliminating current sunset language.

Additionally, the bill would clarify language relating to certain unlawful acts under the Weights and Measures Program.

Background

HB 2063 was introduced by the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of KDA.

At the hearing, proponents included a representative of KDA. Testimony opposing the bill was provided by an official with the Kansas Farm Bureau. Neutral testimony was provided by the Kansas Grain and Feed Association.

*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>

The fiscal note on HB 2063 indicates that increasing the Metrology Lab fees would result in \$22,000 of additional revenue annually beginning in FY 2010. Revoking the sunset provisions on Private Service Company Licenses would allow KDA to receive \$6,000 annually in FY 2011 and beyond.