

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2242

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2242 would authorize the Governor to grant a request from the United States to establish concurrent jurisdiction (jurisdiction) over land owned by the United States for military purposes within state boundaries.

The bill would make such jurisdiction effective upon completion of:

- A written offer for jurisdiction being sent to the Governor by the principal officer of the military installation or other authorized United States representative having supervision and control over the land that:
 - Clearly states the subject matter for the jurisdiction request;
 - Provides the metes and bounds description of the boundary of the jurisdiction offer; and
 - Indicates whether the request includes future contiguous expansion of land acquired for military purposes;
- The Governor accepting the offer in writing that clearly confirms each offer element is accepted; and
- The Governor recording and indexing the offer, acceptance, and metes and bounds description of

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the boundary of the jurisdiction with the Secretary of State (Secretary) who would be required to publish the information in the *Kansas Register*.

After jurisdiction becomes effective, the bill would require the Governor to send a copy of the information to the official who made the official written offer.

The bill would also authorize any state or local agency to enter into a reciprocal agreement or memorandum of understanding with any U.S. agency for the coordination and designation of responsibilities related to the jurisdiction.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of Representative Proctor.

House Committee on Judiciary

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the 22nd Air Refueling Wing (McConnell Air Force Base) and the U.S. Department of Defense. The proponents generally stated the bill would allow the State to assert jurisdiction on military installations which currently are under exclusive federal authority. It was also noted that the federal statutes are not as robust as Kansas laws regarding the treatment of juvenile offenders.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Adjutant General's Department.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of the Governor indicates

that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Office. A fiscal note was requested from the Office of the Attorney General, but the agency had not responded at the time of fiscal note publication.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates the enactment of the bill would have a negligible effect on cities. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that enactment of the bill could have a fiscal effect for counties if a potential concurrent jurisdiction would affect county operations or would remove the ability to levy property tax on any affected land. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

Concurrent jurisdiction; military base; Governor