

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 137

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 137 would amend the Kansas Standard Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Act (Act) to permit firearms forfeited under the Act to be sold or transferred to a properly licensed federal firearms dealer.

Continuing law provides for such firearms to be destroyed, used within the seizing agency for official purposes, traded to another law enforcement agency for use within the agency, or given to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) for law enforcement, testing, comparison, or destruction by the KBI forensic laboratory.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Senator Owens.

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In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Senator Owens, who stated the language in the bill is already reflected in criminal procedure law and the bill would align these statutes and make the policy consistent.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police,

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Kansas Sheriffs Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association and a representative of the Kansas State Rifle Association.

No other testimony was provided.

The Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of the Attorney General, the KBI, the Kansas Highway Patrol, and the Judicial Branch state that the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that enactment of the bill could increase revenues if more seized firearms are sold at value, but the Association cannot estimate a fiscal effect. The League of Kansas Municipalities states that enactment of the bill could affect cities because they are required to assist with the implementation and enforcement of firearms, but the League cannot estimate the fiscal effect.

Kansas Standard Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Act; civil asset forfeiture; firearms