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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2503**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Brief\***

HB 2503 would make amendments to several boards and advisory bodies relating to agriculture.

Specifically, the bill would modify current law with respect to the Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board to remove the requirement that members be subject to Senate confirmation.

Other amendments to the bill would modify the statutes relating to the Grape and Wine Industry Advisory Council and provide that there be not less than nine members. In addition, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, and the Director of the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Division would be *ex officio* members. Further, the bill would require the Kansas Department of Agriculture to provide administrative assistance to the Advisory Council until the Secretary of Agriculture believes the Council has the resources to provide its own staffing. Both of the provisions relating to the Council would expire on July 1, 2016, under new provisions in the bill.

The bill also would rename the current Agriculture Products Development Advisory Board, the Agriculture Marketing and Promotions Advisory Board. Members would be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture rather than by the Governor. The Board would consist of not less than nine members and not more than 12 members who would represent various agricultural sectors outlined in the bill. The

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Board would elect its own chairperson, vice-chairperson, and any other officers.

Finally, the bill would repeal the Dairy Marketing Advisory Board, which had as its main duty the study and evaluation of the need for establishing a statewide milk marketing order.

## **Background**

This bill was introduced at the request of a spokesperson for the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

At the hearing on the bill, proponents included a representative of the Kansas Department of Agriculture; the Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Agribusiness Retailer's Association; and the Kansas Cooperative Council. Written "qualified proponent" testimony was provided by the Kansas Viticulture and Farm Winery Association. This testimony indicated concern with the sunset clause. A conferee representing the Kansas Livestock Association and the Kansas Dairy Association suggested that the Committee consider the deletion of the Dairy Marketing Advisory Board.

The House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources amended the bill by adding language in the provision relating to assistance to the Grape and Wine Industry Advisory Council to allow the Secretary of Agriculture to determine when the Advisory Council has the appropriate resources to provide its own staffing. In addition, the Committee deleted the section of law contained in the bill which established the Dairy Marketing Advisory Board.

There was no fiscal information on the impact of the bill in its original form