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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2563

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Agriculture

Brief*

HB 2563 would designate the annual Kansas Wheat Festival held in Wellington as the official Kansas Wheat Festival. Additionally, as amended, the bill would designate the annual Watermelon Festival held in Clyde as the official Kansas Watermelon Festival.

Background

The bill was introduced by Representative Wetta who made comments in support of the bill at its House Committee hearing. In addition, a representative of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce appeared in support of the designation as a celebration of wheat production in the state.

The House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources amended the bill to change the language from the "Official State Wheat Festival" to the "Official Kansas Wheat Festival."

The Senate Committee on Agriculture amended the bill to include designation of the Clyde Watermelon Festival as the official Kansas Watermelon Festival. Proponents of the amendment included the Mayor of Clyde, Kansas. Additionally, Representative Wetta testified in favor of the designation of the official Kansas Wheat Festival at the Senate Committee hearing.

*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 the original bill states the Department of Agriculture believes passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on state operations.