

SESSION OF 2014

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2118**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Natural Resources

**Brief\***

Senate Sub. for HB 2118 would repeal the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act in its entirety, including definitions; duties and authorities assigned to the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; plans; guidelines; permits; rule and regulation authority; and the volunteer local advisory committee.

**Background**

During the March 20, 2014, meeting of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee discussed SB 281, which would have removed the redbelly snake and smooth earth snake from the State's threatened or endangered species list. The Committee deleted the contents of SB 281 and inserted language which would repeal the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act.

The Senate Committee then removed the contents of HB 2118, as amended by the House Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government, which would have deleted provisions related to environs restrictions from historic property reviews. The Senate Committee placed the contents of SB 281, as amended by the Committee, into HB 2118, and passed the bill as a substitute bill.

There was no testimony provided on the substitute bill.

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\*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 Senate Committee on Natural Resources held a hearing on SB 281 on January 30, 2014. Senator Pilcher-Cook and Senator Olson provided proponent testimony on the bill. Representatives of the City of Olathe, Johnson County Wastewater, Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Livestock Association, and WaterOne also provided testimony in favor of the bill. Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Robin Jennison provided opponent testimony on the bill. Representatives of Audubon of Kansas and The Nature Conservancy also provided testimony against the bill.

A fiscal note on the substitute bill was not immediately available. Fiscal notes on SB 281 and HB 2118, as introduced, state that passage of the bills would have a negligible fiscal effect on the state; however, the contents of the introduced versions of these bills are not part of the substitute bill.