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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2429

As Amended by House Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

HB 2429, as amended, would make the water rights conservation program, found in KSA 2013 Supp. 82a-741, part of and supplemental to the Kansas Water Appropriation Act. This would give the Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources the authority to make rules and regulations concerning the Water Appropriation Act. The bill also includes language that would allow any rules and regulations brought by the Chief Engineer before the effective date of the bill to be enforced as duly adopted rules and regulations.

Background

At the hearing in the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, a representative from the Division of Water Resources testified in support of the bill. There was no neutral or opponent testimony on the bill.

The House Committee amended the proposed language of the bill specify that the authority to issue rules and regulations under the bill would reside with the Chief Engineer and specified that such authority would only apply to the water rights conservation program.

According to the fiscal note on the original bill, the Department of Agriculture indicated the bill would have no fiscal impact.

*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>