

SESSION OF 2014

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2599**

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

**Brief\***

HB 2599, as amended, would authorize and direct the Secretary of State to grant an easement for a boat ramp on state-owned land along the north bank of the Kansas River, near I-35 and 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Kansas City, Kansas, in Wyandotte County. The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City would be authorized within the easement to construct a boat ramp for emergency use by the Kansas City, Kansas, fire department.

Granting of the easement would be conditioned on the Unified Government prohibiting public use of the boat ramp. The Unified Government would be responsible for any use of the ramp, and the state would be held harmless from any liability related to use of the ramp. The Office of Attorney General would be required to approve the legal document granting the easement.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

**Background**

At the hearing in the House Federal and State Affairs Committee, a representative of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City appeared in support of the bill. There was no neutral or opponent testimony on the 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 of the Whole amended the bill at the suggestion of the Office of Attorney General. The terms “deed” and “convey” in the original bill were redefined as “legal document” and “grant” in the bill as amended by the Senate Committee of the Whole.

The fiscal note indicated the Office of the Secretary of State reported any costs associated with HB 2599 would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources. The agency also indicated any costs to the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City could be absorbed within existing resources. Federal funds are available through June 30, 2014, for the boat ramp project.