

SESSION OF 2014

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE RESOLUTION
NO. 6043**

As Amended by House Committee on Energy
and Environment

Brief*

HR 6043 urges the U.S. Congress to oppose the assumptions and implementation of the President's Climate Action Plan (Plan) and to take action to materially counteract the factually incorrect, misinformed actions currently being considered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) related to the Plan. The resolution also encourages the EPA to consider the most cost-effective ways to address climate change.

The resolution makes the following findings as it relates to the Plan:

- The President issued the Plan, which has been followed by proposed actions to be taken by the EPA in support of the Plan;
- The core of the Plan is focused on climate management, believed to be necessary due to the emission of carbon dioxide from various point and non-point sources largely related to the combustion of fossil fuels; and
- If allowed to become effective, the EPA's proposed rules and regulations would be very detrimental to the economy of the U.S. and Kansas.

*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>

Background

Representatives Hedke and Highland and Senator Knox were proponents of the resolution at the House Committee hearing on the resolution. A representative of the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association and a Sedgwick County Commissioner also were proponents of the resolution. Written-only testimony from proponents was received from representatives of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons and the Heartland Institute, a former Kansas legislator, a trauma surgeon from Andover, and two citizens from Topeka.

Opponent testimony was received from representatives of the Kansas Chapter of Sierra Club, Kansas Farmers Union, Kansas Interfaith Power & Light, and a citizen from Winfield. Written-only testimony from opponents was received from a citizen from Larned, two citizens each from Lawrence, Leawood, Lyndon, and Manhattan, and four citizens from Wichita.

The House Committee on Energy and Environment amended the resolution by removing many of the specific findings that address climate change and the effect of CO₂ emissions and by inserting language that encourages the EPA to consider the most cost-effective ways to address climate change.