

SESSION OF 2015

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.
6026**

As Amended by House Committee on Veterans,
Military and Homeland Security

Brief*

HR 6026 would urge the U.S. Congress to enact and the President of the United States to sign 2015 S901 and 2015 HR 1769, the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015 (Act). The Act would establish in the Department of Veterans' Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of descendants of veterans who were exposed to toxic substances with unknown consequences while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, and would create a database of birth defects and anomalies. The resolution would state exposure to these toxins resulted in illnesses to the veterans exposed, structural and nonstructural birth defects in the veterans' descendants, and health conditions, both cancerous and noncancerous, in the veterans' descendants.

Background

The resolution was introduced in the House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security by Representatives Goico and Boldra. Proponent testimony before that Committee was provided by representatives of the Kansas Department of American Legion, the Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

*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 House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security amended the resolution to include the U.S. House of Representatives bill number for the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015.

There is no fiscal note for this resolution.