

SESSION OF 2015

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 245**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

SB 245 would repeal a statute that requires approval by a county engineer of plans for any highway bridge or culvert for which the estimated cost does not exceed \$200,000 and approval by the State Transportation Engineer of plans for any bridge or culvert for which the estimated cost exceeds \$200,000.

**Background**

At the hearing before the Senate Committee on Transportation, the Director of Legislative and Public Affairs of the Kansas Department of Administration said this statute was brought to the Office of Repealer by the Local Road Engineer at the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC). The Chief of the Bureau of Local Projects at the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) also testified in support of the bill. Proponent testimony also was submitted by a representative of the KAC. All stated the provisions originally were enacted in 1917 when licensed engineers were not as available to design bridges, but counties now have their own licensed engineers on staff or hire consulting engineering firms with licensed engineers. There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, KDOT indicates enactment would have no fiscal effect, and the KAC indicates any fiscal effect on counties would be negligible.

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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>