

SESSION OF 2015

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 293**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Ways and Means

**Brief\***

SB 293 would authorize a land exchange between Pittsburg State University and the City of Pittsburg, Kansas. Similar to other land sales and exchanges that have been authorized by the Legislature in recent years, this land exchange would be reviewed and approved by the Attorney General. The exchange would provide 72.7 acres to the City of Pittsburg in exchange for 30.3 acres to the University. This land exchange would be exempt from the following statutes: KSA 75-430a, which requires notice of intent to purchase property; KSA 2014 Supp. 75-3043a, which requires appraisal of real property; KSA 2014 Supp. 75-6609, which requires certain procedures for the sale of surplus real estate; and KSA 2014 Supp. 75-6611, which requires a survey of land before sale.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the Committee on Federal and State Affairs. At the Senate Ways and Means Committee hearing, proponent testimony was provided by Senator LaTurner, who stated this land exchange would be beneficial to both parties. A representative from Pittsburg State University also testified as a proponent, stating the University and the City of Pittsburg had been in negotiations for more than a year and the exchange would support future planned growth for the University, as well as economic and community growth for the City of Pittsburg.

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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>

There was no neutral or opposition testimony to the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states that, according to the Board of Regents, the two tracts of land in the proposed exchange are appraised at equal value with no loss or gain for the state. The Board notes the City of Pittsburg would use the real property acquired in the exchange for housing development and Pittsburg State University would use the real property it acquires for future planned development.