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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 318

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Utilities

Brief*

SB 318 would repeal the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority Act statutes that established the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority (KETA). In addition, the bill would abolish the KETA Administrative Fund and the KETA Development Fund and transfer the balances and liabilities of those funds to the State General Fund. The bill also would remove the exceptions for KETA from the current list of exceptions to the Kansas Open Records Act.

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

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Utilities.

At the Senate Committee hearing, representatives of Americans For Prosperity Kansas, Westar Energy, Kansas City Power & Light, and Empire District Electric testified in favor of the bill.

Representatives of WindSoHy and the Kansas Sierra Club testified in opposition to the bill. Written testimony in opposition to the bill was submitted by a representative of the Climate + Energy Project.

*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>

Neutral testimony was presented by the KETA Chairman, KETA Secretary, and a member of KETA, all three of whom were appointed by the Governor.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states enactment of the bill would result in a transfer of \$251,356 from the KETA Administrative Fund to the State General Fund. The KETA Development Fund currently is inactive. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.