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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2576

As Recommended by House Committee on
Water and Environment

Brief*

HB 2576 would require all fees and fines collected by the Kansas Asbestos Control Program (Program) of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to be deposited into the agency's Air Quality Fee Fund (Fund). Currently, the fees and fines are deposited in the State General Fund (SGF).

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Water and Environment at the request of a representative of the KDHE.

In the House Committee hearing, the Director of the Bureau of Air, Division of Environment, KDHE, provided testimony in support of the bill. The Director explained, currently, all fees and fines collected by the Program are deposited in the SGF, and the Program receives annual funding from the SGF. Historically, the amount of SGF moneys allotted to the Program has been insufficient for proper operation of the Program, and KDHE has been required to fund the difference from the Fund, which is relied upon to fund all other state and federal air quality regulations.

No opponent or neutral testimony was presented.

*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>

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, enactment of the bill would reduce SGF revenue for FY 2019 and beyond by \$108,000. This would be a result of redirecting the fees collected from the Program to the Fund. The agency states, by redirecting the revenue, KDHE would no longer need an SGF appropriation in the amount of \$82,236 for the Program. The net fiscal effect would be a reduction in available SGF moneys of \$25,764 for FY 2019 and beyond. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in the *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.