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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 240

As Amended by Senate Committee on Ways
and Means

Brief*

SB 240, as amended, would permit the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to purchase a specific parcel of land in Sherman County, encompassing approximately 1,078 acres. This land purchase is subject to the provisions of KSA 2016 Supp. 32-833, which requires that the purchased land comply with regulations regarding control and management of noxious weeds and the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism develop a management plan for the property. The bill would also prohibit the creation of a conservation easement on the purchased tract of land without prior authorization by the Legislature.

The bill would exempt this purchase from KSA 75-3043a, which requires appraisal of property by disinterested appraisers prior to purchase by a state agency, and from KSA 75-3739, which includes specific requirements for competitive bidding procedures.

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

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. In the Senate Committee hearing, proponent testimony was provided by the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. Proponent testimony was also

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provided by two private citizens. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by the City Manager of the City of Goodland, a representative of the Sherman County Commission, and two private citizens.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to prohibit the creation of a conservation easement on the purchased tract of land without prior authorization by the Legislature.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, enactment of the bill would have a fiscal effect but it cannot be estimated. If an agreement to purchase the property is met, the property would be purchased with a federal grant using 75.0 percent federal dollars and a 25.0 percent state match from the agency's Wildlife Fee Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.