

SESSION OF 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2591

As Recommended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2591 would repeal the statute that authorizes quarterly \$100,000 State General Fund and \$200,000 Conservation Fee Fund transfers to the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund in the Kansas Corporation Commission.

[*Note:* During the 2021 Legislative Session, two separate bills were enacted that made revisions to the same statute, KSA 2021 Supp. 55-193. HB 2022 (2021) repealed the statute, but 2021 HB 2007 amended the statute to prohibit the transfers for FY 2021, 2022, and 2023, which created a conflict. HB 2591 would correct this conflict.]

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

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations at the request of Representative Waymaster.

House Committee on Appropriations

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, stating the bill reflects the intent of the Legislature in 2021 HB 2022.

*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 provided by a representative of the Sierra Club, suggesting that a ten-year sunset be placed on the bill in case state transfers need to be reinstated.

No **opponent** testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Corporation Commission indicates that although no State General Fund transfer has been made in more than a decade, the bill would repeal the quarterly transfer of \$200,000 from the Conservation Fee Fund to the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund.

Kansas Corporation Commission; Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund; State General Fund