

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2326

As Amended by House Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2326, as amended, would extend the sunset date on the Scrap Metal Theft Reduction Act from July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2028, and would specify “regulated scrap metal” under the Act includes catalytic converters, as defined by the bill. The bill would also make technical amendments to ensure consistency in statutory phrasing.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of a representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and Kansas Sheriffs Association (law enforcement associations).

House Committee on Judiciary

In the House Committee hearing on February 16, 2023, a representative of the law enforcement associations described above and representatives of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and the Wichita Police Department testified as **proponents** of the bill. Proponents stated the bill is necessary to address the growing problem of catalytic converter theft occurring throughout the state. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Automotive Dealers Association, the Kansas

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Cooperative Council, and the National Insurance Crime Bureau. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to add a definition of “catalytic converter.”

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the KBI and the Office of the Attorney General indicate enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Scrap Metal Theft Reduction Act; catalytic converters