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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 510

As Amended by Senate Committee on Local
Government

Brief*

SB 510, as amended, would require a city to reconnect a property to its sewer system within 30 days at the request of and at no cost to the property owner if:

- The city had previously provided sewer service to the property; and
- The disconnection was not due to a failure to pay sewer fees.

The bill would also make technical amendments.

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

Background

The bill was introduced by the Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Senator Straub.

Senate Committee on Local Government

In the Senate Committee hearing, Senator Straub provided **proponent** testimony. She stated the bill would clarify responsibilities for reconnection and described a situation regarding a property that had been disconnected from the system when a connected structure was improved

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and to which the provisions of the bill would apply. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by four private citizens.

Opponent testimony was provided by representatives of Kansas Municipal Utilities and the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM). They described the responsibilities of wastewater utility systems and of the owners of lines connecting to the sewer main. They expressed concerns regarding responsibility when a property owner voluntarily disconnects from the sewer main and costs to taxpayers for possible reconnection.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to increase the reconnection period from within 10 days of the request of the property owner to within 30 days of the request.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, LKM indicates cities would have to pay for the costs of residential and commercial reconnections of properties, but also notes regular stormwater and wastewater rate fees would be collected.

City; sewer; disconnection