

SESSION OF 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 370

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 370, as amended, would require Legislative approval for the following actions related to National Heritage Areas or National Historic Trails:

- Any designation by the National Park Service of any National Heritage Area or National Historic Trail that extends beyond federal land within the State of Kansas;
- The use of any state funds to be used as matching funds for federal moneys for National Heritage Areas, National Historic Trails, or any similar successor designated areas; and
- The inclusion of any state lands, water, property, or facilities in any designated National Historic Areas, National Historic Trails, or any similar or successor designated areas.

Background

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

[*Note:* Provisions of the bill are similar to those in HB 2476.]

*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>

Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Fairchild, Representative Schmoie, and two private citizens. Proponents generally stated the bill would help prevent private property rights from being infringed upon and promote fiscal responsibility and local control.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of the Coffey County Commissioners, Convention of States Kansas, and Kansas Cattlemen's Association, and eight private citizens.

Neutral testimony was provided by two representatives of the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA) Board of Trustees, who stated FFNHA does not receive state funds and expressed concerns about the findings the bill would make.

Written-only opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Western Cattle Trail Association.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to remove the provisions making findings about National Heritage Areas and National Historic Trails.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Department of Transportation, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Department of Agriculture, and the Adjutant General's Department indicate enactment of the bill would have no effect on agency operations, revenues, or expenditures. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that the bill could prevent counties from getting certain federal grants, and private citizens would not be able to allow their land to be designated as a National Heritage Area without legislative approval. The League of Kansas Municipalities states the bill would not have a fiscal effect on cities.

Legislature; National Heritage Area; National Historic Trail; legislative approval