

SESSION OF 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2480

As Recommended by House Committee on
Water

Brief*

HB 2480 would allow financing from the Public Water Supply Loan Fund for public water supply projects that acquire water through a water transfer. It would further amend the definition of “project” by removing the restriction that project does not include any project related to the diversion or transportation of water acquired through a water transfer.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Water at the request of Representative Wasinger.

House Committee on Water

In the House Committee hearing, representatives of the City of Hays, Kansas provided **proponent** testimony on the bill, stating the bill would allow the cities of Russell and Hays to develop a sustainable source of water through a transfer from water rights owned by the cities.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of the city of Russell, Kansas and a representative of the League of Kansas Municipalities.

No **opponent** testimony was provided.

*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 Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), stating the agency anticipates that projects falling under the updated definition will be infrequent and the agency could manage the projects within existing resources.

The House Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the KDHE states the fiscal effect could not be estimated. The agency could receive additional loan applications for its Public Water Supply State Revolving Loan Fund. However, the agency notes that water transfers are rare and there would be no additional costs to process new loan issuances or manage any revenue from repayments.

Water; public water supply; water transfer