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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2650

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2650, as amended, would designate the official state rock as Greenhorn limestone, the official state mineral as galena, the official state gemstone as jelinite amber, and the official state fish as the channel catfish.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Representative Kessinger. In the House Committee hearing, proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) and members of the public. Proponents indicated the State has not designated an official state rock, mineral, gemstone, or fish. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to designate an official state fish.

In the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs hearing, proponent testimony was provided by a representative of KDWPT and three members of the public. Two of the members of the public suggested that a specific type of limestone be designated, because limestone, in general, can be found all over the country. They suggested Greenhorn limestone, as this type of limestone was used for

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the famous “post rock” in Kansas. No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to specify Greenhorn limestone as the proposed official state rock.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Historical Society indicated enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.