

SESSION OF 2021

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2408**

As Amended by House Committee on Federal  
and State Affairs

**Brief\***

HB 2408, as amended, would authorize and direct the Executive Director of the Kansas Historical Society (KSHS), on behalf of the KSHS, to convey by quitclaim deed, a 9.86 acre parcel of land in Doniphan County to the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. The legal description of the parcel is provided in the bill, which also states the property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as the "Iowa, Sac and Fox Presbyterian Mission" (property).

The bill would provide the conveyance would not require appraisal, bid, or publication, and the conveyance would not be subject to appraisal requirements in continuing law. The Attorney General would also be required to review and approve the deeds and conveyances.

The bill would state the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska agrees to pay all costs related to the conveyance and would grant the State a historic preservation easement that would reflect current federal preservation laws regarding properties listed in the NRHP.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Representative Eplee.

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\*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>

### ***House Committee on Federal and State Affairs***

In the House Committee hearing on March 17, 2021, Representatives Eplee and Victors, the Highland City Attorney, representatives of Highland Community College, and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska testified as **proponents**, stating that the bill would preserve property that is important to the history of Iowa Tribe and the City of Highland. Representatives of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, and the KSHS provided written-only **proponent** testimony.

The House Committee amended the bill to remove the provision authorizing conveyance without consideration and specified that the property be conveyed by quitclaim deed rather than statutory warranty deed.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, The Kansas Historical Society estimates transferring the Iowa, Sac and Fox Mission property to the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska would reduce annual expenditures for maintenance of the property by \$5,745, of which \$1,200 is from the State General Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Kansas State Historical Society; Iowa, Sac and Fox Presbyterian Mission; Doniphan County