

SESSION OF 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2644

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2644, as amended, would designate the Sandhill plum, also known as the Chickasaw plum, as the official state fruit.

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

Background

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

House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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No other 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>

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The Senate Committee amended the bill to change its effective date to upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, the Office of the Secretary of State indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Sandhill plum; Chickasaw plum; state fruit; state symbols