

SESSION OF 2021

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 89

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

SB 89 would amend law on securing loads on vehicles to create an exemption for trucks, trailers, or semitrailers when hauling agricultural forage commodities intrastate from the place of production to a market or place of storage. The bill would state this exemption would not apply to trucks, trailers, or semitrailers hauling hay bales or other packaged or bundled forage commodities. Continuing law requires securing a load on a vehicle so as to prevent any of this load from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of Senator Doll.

[*Note:* The provisions of the bill are identical to those of 2020 SB 267, as amended by the Senate Committee on Transportation.]

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by the Director of Stockgrowers Division, Kansas Livestock Association, who stated agricultural forage commodities are often high in moisture and as such, the

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product forms a cohesive bond that often holds the foliage together, making it unlikely for the product to blow out of a truck or trailer. He also stated it is unfeasible to tarp trucks hauling the agricultural forage commodities, as traditional rollover tarps do not fit the size and back end of the trucks.

Written-only **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Farm Bureau.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate 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 Department of Transportation indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency.

Transportation; agricultural forage commodities