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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2063

As Amended by House Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

HB 2063 would amend a provision of current law to permit water transfer projects to participate in the Public Water Supply Project Loan Program. The bill would require water transfer projects to have a lower priority than safe drinking water compliance projects. (Generally, a water transfer is the diversion and transportation of water in a quantity of 2,000 acre feet or more per year for beneficial use at a point of use outside a 35-mile radius from the point of diversion of the water.)

Background

At the House Committee hearing on the bill, the only conferee was a representative of the Kansas Water Office who appeared as a proponent. The conferee indicated the Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas advocated the elimination of the statutory provision of using the state's Public Water Supply Project Loan Program for water transfers of water supplies between basins where feasible and cost effective.

The House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources amended the bill to provide that water transfer projects would have a lower priority than safe drinking water compliance projects.

*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>

The fiscal note on the original bill indicates the Department of Health and Environment does not believe passage of the bill would create additional revenue or expenditures for the agency. The note also indicates the League of Kansas Municipalities believes the bill could have the effect of allowing more projects to be funded by the Public Water Supply Loan Fund, however it is not possible to estimate the fiscal effect for cities. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.