

SESSION OF 2018

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 331

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

SB 331 would add to the list of designated state parks the Flint Hills Trail State Park located in Miami, Franklin, Osage, Lyon, Morris, and Dickinson counties, and Little Jerusalem Badlands State Park located in Logan County.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of a representative of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT).

In the Senate Committee hearing, Representative Hineman and representatives of KDWPT, the Kanza Rail Trail Conservancy, and the Nature Conservancy in Kansas testified as proponents of the bill. Representatives of Scott County; the cities of Council Grove, Ottawa, and Osawatomie; Dirty Kansas Promotions, the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority; the Topeka Community Cycle Project; and several private citizens submitted written-only proponent testimony. The proponents generally expressed support for protecting Kansas natural resources and providing areas for public recreational use.

A representative of the Kansas Farm Bureau testified as an opponent of the bill. The representative stated concerns

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about using state or federal funds for privately owned land and possible future negative impacts on adjacent landowners.

No neutral testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, enactment of the bill would require expenditures from the KDWPT Parks Fee Fund in the amount of \$504,329, beginning in FY 2018. The expenditures would include salaries and wages, contractual services, and capital outlay. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.