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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 3031

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Utilities

Brief*

HB 3031 allows natural gas to be flared, vented, or used in any manner authorized by order, rule, or regulation of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). The natural gas produced can come from natural gas wells or be extracted from coal seams or associated shale.

The bill would become effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

HB 3031 was introduced in the House Committee on Taxation and then referred to the House Committee on Utilities. Proponents of the bill included Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, BP America, Devon Energy, Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association, and Exxon/Mobile. The KCC also testified, but took a neutral position. There were no opponents of the bill.

The House Committee on Utilities amended the bill by distinguishing the term natural gas or coalbed natural gas well and deleting reference to de-watering.

The Senate Committee on Utilities amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Division of Budget fiscal note indicated that HB 3031 would have no fiscal effect.

*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/cgi-bin/fulltext/bills.cgi>

