

SESSION OF 2015

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2268**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

HB 2268 would allow the State Historical Society to acquire certain real property, known as the Last Chance Store, located in Council Grove, Kansas. The property would be maintained as an historic property as part of the Kaw Mission State Historic Site. According to the bill, the property could not be accepted by the State Historical Society until the Attorney General approved the deed and determined the State would receive the land in fee simple.

**Background**

At the hearing in the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs, Representative Moxley and the Executive Director of the State Historical Society appeared in support of the bill. These proponents stated the preservation of the Last Chance Store, which at one time was the last outpost where travelers could buy goods for the 600-mile trip along the Santa Fe Trail, was important for historical and educational reasons. The Executive Director of the State Historical Society stated the property was in good condition for its age and would only require minimal repairs and improvements. She also stated she believes the operation of the property as an historic site, along with the necessary repairs and improvements, could all be covered with funds already available to the State Historical Society.

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\*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>

A fiscal note from the Division of the Budget was not available at the time of the House Committee hearing and action on the bill.