

SESSION OF 2019

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 173**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Ways and Means

**Brief\***

SB 173 would authorize the State Board of Regents to sell the Oldfather Studios in Douglas County on behalf of the University of Kansas, with the proceeds from the sale deposited to the restricted use account of the University of Kansas to be used for deferred maintenance. The bill would require the deeds, titles, and conveyances be reviewed and approved by the Attorney General. The bill would state the sale would not be subject to the appraisal or state surplus property requirements.

**Background**

SB 173 was introduced in the Senate Committee on Ways and Means by Senator Skubal on behalf of the University of Kansas.

During the Senate Committee hearing, a representative from the University of Kansas testified as a proponent, stating the property was a gift and it is located too far from campus. The Film and Media Studios were housed on the property, but have now moved to Summerfield Hall on campus. The building is in very poor condition and the cost to renovate the building would be nearly half the cost of the building.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

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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>

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, one-time revenues from the sale would be remitted to the Restricted Fees Fund and applied to deferred maintenance. Any fiscal effect associated with the enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.