

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 3

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 3 would designate *Silvisaurus condrayi*, a one-ton armored ankylosaur that walked across Kansas during the late Cretaceous period, as the official state land fossil.

[*Note:* The official state marine fossil, the *Tylosaurus*, and the official state flying fossil, the *Pteranodon*, were designated by 2014 HB 2595.]

Background

The bill was prefiled for introduction by Senator Bowers.

Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Senator Bowers, Senator Kerschen, Challenger Intermediate School students, a Challenger Intermediate School teacher and an administrator, and a representative of the KU Natural History Museum. The proponents described how the fossil was discovered and described the appearance and characteristics of *Silvisaurus condrayi*. [*Note:* Challenger Intermediate School is in USD 265, Goddard.]

No other testimony was provided.

*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>

On January 18, 2023, the Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar. On January 19, 2023, the Senate Committee reconsidered its action and recommended the bill be passed favorably.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Historical Society indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Silvisaurus condrayi; state fossil; land fossil; state symbols