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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2755

As Amended by House Committee on Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2755, as amended, would allow the Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation for the State Fair to raze any existing buildings on the state-owned property of the State Fairgrounds and construct a new building or facility approved by the State Fair Board and Joint Committee on State Building Construction. Any new building or facility shall be funded through private donation.

The bill also exempts capital improvements projects of the Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation from approval by the Secretary of Administration or the Director of Architectural Services.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the Kansas Register.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations. The bill was referred by the Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee.

At the Budget Committee hearing, representatives of the Kansas State Fair Board and Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation spoke as proponents of the bill.

^{*}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 American Institute of Architects spoke in opposition to the bill and the Association of General Contractors testified as neutral on the bill.

The Budget Committee recommended the bill favorably for passage to the Appropriations Committee.

The Appropriations Committee amended the bill to include language prohibiting the use of State General Fund for rehabilitation and maintenance of any new buildings constructed on the State Fairgrounds by the Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation.

The bill, as amended, has no fiscal affect to the state for FY 2012 or FY 2013.