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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2582**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Brief\***

HB 2582 would establish an additional exception to the requirement for certain entities to obtain a valid license in order to engage in the business of conducting a food establishment or a food processing plant. The bill would permit nonprofit churches and other religious organizations sponsoring food sales to operate without licensure.

**Background**

At the House Committee hearing on the bill, the only conferee was Rep. Alcala who appeared as a proponent. Rep. Alcala told the Committee members that throughout the state there are nonprofit churches which conduct regular food sales to fund programs to create food or clothing banks. Rep. Alcala also stated that this would not exempt nonprofit churches or religious organizations from required inspections or rules and regulations when a violation is observed or reported.

The fiscal note on the bill indicates there would be no fiscal effect for the Department of Agriculture because the Department does not currently license or routinely inspect nonprofit churches or other religious organizations.

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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>