

SESSION OF 2014

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1620**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

SCR 1620 would grant legislative approval for the creation of a port authority in Stafford County.

**Background**

Senator Holmes testified as a proponent of the resolution, as did the Executive Director of Stafford County Economic Development. Among the proponents' points were that the resolution would allow the county a legal entity to develop industrial commerce related to transportation and the Stafford County Commission has passed a resolution to authorize the creation of the port authority, upon legislative approval. There was no other testimony.

KSA 2013 Supp. 12-3402 states no port authority may be created without legislative approval and no port authority may transact any business or exercise any powers granted under KSA 12-3401 *et seq.* before the passage of a concurrent resolution.

KSA 12-3401 defines "port" as "water-port facility, airport facility, terminal facility, land transportation facility, railroad facility or industrial-use facility." A port authority's general purpose is to be a public purpose, and a port authority's powers include the authority to purchase, construct, or improve transportation-related facilities; apply for, receive,

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and participate in grants; borrow money; and promote the port and its facilities (KSA 2013 Supp. 12-3406).

According to testimony, creation and operation of a port authority would not involve state funding.