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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2705

As Recommended by House Committee on
Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

Brief*

HB 2705 would revise the Employment Security Law, commonly referred to as Unemployment Insurance (UI), by excluding from the definition of “employment” the services performed by a contractually hired “petroleum landman,” which would be defined to include negotiations pertaining to mineral rights or the development of minerals, the research of public and private property records, title work, and the management of mineral rights and obligations. For purposes of the bill, “minerals” would include oil, natural gas, or petroleum.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development at the request of Representative Hineman. In the House Committee hearing, a petroleum landman spoke in favor of the bill, explaining the history of the profession as an independent contractor who is free from the control and direction of the recipient of the services.

No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Department of Labor indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect.

*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>