

SESSION OF 2020

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1614**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Brief\***

SCR 1614 states the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Kansas support Kansas farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses in the Rattlesnake Creek subbasin in protecting their water rights through collaboration with the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge to find a solution to an impairment complaint filed with the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources.

The resolution also states the State of Kansas commends the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service for seeking a collaborative, non-regulatory approach to resolving the impairment complaint regarding the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge.

The resolution requires the Secretary of State to send enrolled copies of the resolution to Senators Wagle and Taylor, the Kansas Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and members of the Kansas congressional delegation.

**Background**

The resolution was introduced in the Senate by Senators Wagle, Kerschen, and Taylor.

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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>

In the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources hearing, a representative of the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association, the Kansas Cooperative Council, the Kansas Grain and Feed Association, the Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association, the Kansas Soybean Association, Kansas Wheat, and the Renew Kansas Biofuels Association, and a representative of the Kansas Cooperative Association testified as proponents, stating Kansas grain producers would be greatly harmed by impairment orders against the use of groundwater for irrigation and urging stakeholders to continue working together to find a solution through augmentation. Representatives of the Kansas Corn Growers Association, the Kansas Farm Bureau, the Kansas Livestock Association, the Rattlesnake Basin Cause, and the Water Protection Association of Central Kansas provided written-only proponent testimony. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.