

SESSION OF 2022

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 479**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

SB 479 would require the Capitol Preservation Committee to approve plans to place a permanent memorial in the state capitol commemorating the work of Kansas suffragists toward achieving the right of women to vote in Kansas and the passage of the 19th amendment to the *U.S. Constitution*.

The bill would authorize the Secretary of Administration to receive and expend money for the purpose of financing the creation and construction of the memorial. The bill would require the Secretary of Administration to remit all moneys received for such purpose to the State Treasurer.

The bill would establish the Kansas Suffragist Memorial Fund and would require the State Treasurer to deposit funds received for the purpose of financing the creation and construction of the memorial in the State Treasury to the credit of the Fund. Expenditures from the Fund would be authorized for the creation and construction of the memorial and for other purposes as may be required by the grantor or donor.

The bill would prohibit the expenditure of public funds for the creation or construction of the memorial.

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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>

## **Background**

The bill was introduced by Senators Bowers, Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Claeys, Corson, Dietrich, Doll, Erickson, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hawk, Hilderbrand, Holland, Holscher, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, McGinn, Olson, O'Shea, Petersen, Pettay, Pittman, Pyle, Ryckman, Straub, Suellentrop, Sykes, Thompson, Tyson, Ware, Warren, and Wilborn.

### ***Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs***

In the Senate Committee hearing, Senator Bowers and a representative of the League of Women voters provided **proponent** testimony, stating the bill originated from the Capital Preservation Committee and would utilize, in part, funds remaining from the League of Women Voters' traveling exhibit honoring the centennial of the 19th Amendment.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.

No neutral or **opponent** testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

## **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Department of the Budget on the bill, the Department of Administration states there would be no fiscal effect to agency operations because the memorial would be constructed with donations as specified in the bill.

Memorial; Kansas suffragist movement; Kansas Suffragist Memorial Fund; Statehouse grounds; Capitol Preservation Committee