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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2205

As Recommended by House Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

HB 2205 would amend a section in the weights and measures laws to delete the time limit on a provision which allows mechanical vehicle scales used solely to sell aggregate products to have a minimum tolerance of +/- 100 pounds, thus making the exception permanent.

Background

At the hearing on the bill, the only conferee was a representative of the Kansas Aggregate Producers Association who indicated that the exception to the tolerance levels required by "Handbook 44" had been in place since 2001. "Handbook 44" establishes official tolerances for weighing and measuring devices. The conferee noted that the exception provided was for scales which would be very expensive to repair in order to make them accurate enough to meet the tolerances as established by "Handbook 44."

The fiscal note on the bill indicates that the Department of Agriculture believes that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the state; however, the exemption may have benefits for aggregate producers.

*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>