

SESSION OF 2012

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2761**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Brief\***

HB 2761 would make numerous technical changes to the existing statutes which pertain to the previous Animal Health Department and the former Livestock Commissioner, to conform to the transfer of the Animal Health Department to the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the creation of the Division of Animal Health within the agency. Similar changes would be made to the statutes relating to the previous State Conservation Commission, to conform to its transfer to the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the creation of the Division of Conservation within the agency. Additional existing statutes would be amended to reflect the transfer of the prior Agriculture Marketing Division of the Department of Commerce to the Department of Agriculture, which is now known as the Agriculture Marketing and Promotions Program.

**Background**

The bill is a follow-up to the 2011 Executive Reorganization Order (ERO) No. 40 that became law July 1, 2011. ERO No. 40 transferred the Animal Health Department and the State Conservation Commission to the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The ERO also transferred the Agriculture Products Development Division of the Department of Commerce to the Department of Agriculture.

At the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Kansas Department of Agriculture presented testimony in favor of the bill. There was no neutral or opponent testimony.

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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>

The fiscal note on the bill indicates the legislation is a technical bill that would allow for the necessary updates related to ERO No. 40. The fiscal note indicates there would be no fiscal effect.