

SESSION OF 2015

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2364**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Agriculture

**Brief\***

HB 2364 would extend the sunset date on the Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas from July 1, 2016, to July 1, 2026.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations.

At the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources hearing, the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine of Kansas State University and representatives from the Beef Cattle Institute, the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, the Kansas Department of Agriculture, the Kansas Livestock Association, and the Kansas Pork Association appeared in support of the bill. The proponents testified the program provided an incentive for new veterinary graduates to practice veterinary medicine in rural areas by providing students with forgivable loans in exchange for practicing veterinary medicine full time in Kansas counties with a population of less than 35,000. The proponents stressed the program's success and emphasized the importance of agriculture and large animal veterinary practice to the state economy. Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by representatives of veterinary hospitals in Johnson County and Washington, Kansas. There was no neutral or opponent testimony on the bill.

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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 Senate Committee on Agriculture received testimony in favor of the bill from the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University and representatives from the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, the Kansas Department of Agriculture, the Kansas Livestock Association, and the Kansas Pork Association. There was no opponent or neutral testimony on the bill.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to extend the sunset date on the program from July 1, 2016, to July 1, 2026.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, indicated \$400,000, all from the State General Fund, is appropriated and expended annually for the program. Removing the sunset date would extend expenditures for the program indefinitely. The amount of those expenditures would be subject to appropriations.