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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2206

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2206 would amend provisions regarding bonding in the statute governing the crime of cruelty to animals. Specifically, the bill would require the bond required under current law be filed in the county where the animal was taken into custody, rather than in the county where the animal is being held. The bill also would add a requirement that the bond be maintained and renewed every 30 days as necessary to cover the cost of care and treatment of the animal until disposition of the animal by the court and a provision that any costs collected by the court or through the bond be transferred to the entity responsible for paying the cost of care, treatment, or boarding of the animal. The bill would reorganize current provisions to clarify the timing and applicability of the bonding requirement.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Kansas Sheriffs' Association and Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police. In the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Kansas Sheriffs' Association testified in support of the bill. Representatives of Beauties and Beasts, Friends of the Emporia Animal Shelter, the Humane Society of the United States, Kansas Animal Control Association, and Wichita Animal Action League submitted written-only proponent testimony. No other testimony was provided.

*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>

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of the bill could have a fiscal effect on counties, if owners come forward and post the bond.