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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 380

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Agriculture

Brief*

SB 380 would establish the Local Food and Farm Task Force. The Task Force would be responsible for preparing a local food and farm plan containing policy and funding recommendations in order to increase locally grown food production. The Task Force would be composed of seven members, as follows:

- Three members appointed by the governor, including the chairperson;
- One member representing the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA);
- One member representing the Kansas State University Extension Systems and Agricultural Research Programs, appointed by the Dean of the College of Agriculture; and
- One member from the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources and one from the Senate Committee on Agriculture, each appointed by the respective chairperson and representing different political parties.

*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

Senator Hawk requested the bill in the Senate Committee on Agriculture and provided supporting testimony. The Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Lawrence, the Land of Kansas Specialist from the KDA, and the State Director of the Kansas Small Business Development Center also provided proponent testimony. Representatives from KC Healthy Kids, Kansas Livestock Association, and Kansas State University provided neutral testimony.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to reduce the task force membership from 18 members to seven. The Committee also struck language that would have provided paid mileage for the members and inserted language that would designate KDA to provide administrative assistance in the start-up and structure of the Task Force.

An updated fiscal note on the amended version of the bill was not immediately available. The fiscal note on the original version of the bill indicates the cost of providing paid mileage to the members would be negligible to the state; however, the mileage provision was struck by the Senate Committee.