

SESSION OF 2016

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 412

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Utilities

Brief*

SB 412 would authorize Water District Number 1 (WaterOne) of Johnson County, Kansas, to use an existing easement located along the south and north banks of the Kansas River granted to WaterOne by the state for the purpose of locating, constructing, maintaining, and operating hydropower generation equipment and facilities for the production of electricity. WaterOne would assume full responsibility for using the easement in this manner. Existing law authorizes WaterOne to use the easement only for the diversion of water to its facility.

Background

The bill was introduced in the Senate Committee on Utilities at the request of WaterOne. At the hearing before the Senate Committee, WaterOne testified in support of the bill. Written testimony in support of the bill was also submitted by the Kansas Water Office and The Bowersock Mills & Power Company. No neutral or opponent testimony was presented.

The Senate Committee on Utilities recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

*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>