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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 307

As Recommended by Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

SB 307 would require an operator of any vessel to require every person on such vessel age 12 or younger to wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device. The bill would require the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to promulgate rules and regulations regarding required personal flotation devices. Currently, regulation of personal flotation devices is set in statute.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources on behalf of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT).

In the Senate Committee hearing on February 6, 2020, a representative of the Law Enforcement Division, KDWPT, testified as a proponent. He testified the bill would allow the KDWPT to make changes to keep in compliance with changing U.S. Coast Guard requirements. No opponent or neutral testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, 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