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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2279**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Utilities

**Brief\***

The bill would enact new statutes:

- preventing attachment of a lien to real property for unpaid charges for solid waste collection and disposal when those services have been contracted for by a tenant; and
- preventing local units of government that provide sewage disposal services or solid waste collection and disposal services from refusing to contract with a tenant for provision of those services to property occupied by the tenant.

The bill also would make technical amendments to existing law.

**Background**

The bill's sponsor presented testimony at the hearing held by the House Committee on Utilities explaining that the bill would address tenants' unpaid bills for waste collection and disposal services in the same manner as they are addressed under existing law for other municipal services. The representative of the Associated Landlords of Kansas supported the bill at the House Committee hearing and suggested an amendment. A landlord from Sedan also presented testimony in support of the bill. The League of Kansas Municipalities presented testimony to the House Committee in opposition to 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 House Committee amended the bill, as suggested by the representative of the Associated Landlords, to prohibit local governments that provide sewage disposal or solid waste collection and disposal services from refusing to contract with tenants for the provision of those services to property occupied by the tenant.

The Division of the Budget's fiscal note on the introduced version of the bill states that the fiscal impact of the bill cannot be estimated. The House Committee amendment may change the fiscal impact, but may not change the Division's ability to estimate that impact.