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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 649**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Commerce

**Brief\***

SB 649, as amended, would modify the tax increment financing (TIF) law to provide for the use of sales tax and revenue (STAR) bonds in a 400 acre area in Wyandotte County. The bill would accomplish this by amending the definition of "major tourism area" in the TIF Act to include a project classified as an art, entertainment, or recreation facility, which the Secretary of Commerce and Housing has found would have capital improvements costing at least \$50,000,000 in the state and would create at least 500 permanent and seasonal employment positions in the state. The bill would designate the boundaries of the art, entertainment, or recreation facility and it would specifically exclude certain types of businesses associated with gaming from the definition of art, entertainment, or recreation facility. However, retail businesses could be included.

Under the bill, STAR bonds could only be used if the president of the Kansas Development Finance Authority (KDFA) makes a finding that the entity or business undertaking the redevelopment project produces at least \$10,000,000 in revenue, annually.

**Background**

The Senate Committee held a hearing on SB 649, at which time Senator Steineger and a representative of Fahnestock & Company provided testimony in favor of the bill. According to testimony before the Senate Committee, the area contemplated by the bill is the county fairgrounds which is located to the east of the current NASCAR

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redevelopment district. The two districts would be separated by Highway 435.

The Senate Committee amended the bill by, among other things, removing STAR bond authority for an additional area in Wyandotte County and adding the limitation that STAR bonds could only be used if the president of the KDFA makes a finding that the entity or business undertaking the redevelopment project produces at least \$10,000,000 in revenue, annually.

A fiscal note on the bill as amended was not available upon publication of this Supplemental Note.