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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2612

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2612, as amended, increases by two the number of agencies that file budgets on a biennial basis. Currently, the Kansas Department of Human Resources and the Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors are required to file their budgets with the Division of the Budget annually. Under HB 2612, the two agencies would be added to the statutory list of agencies which file budgets every two years. Budgets that are filed on a biennial basis include budget estimates for the current fiscal year and the following two years. The two agencies would begin filing their biennial budget requests with the FY 2004 budget submission.

As amended, the bill also provides that whenever actual receipts to the State General Fund exceed the estimates of the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group by \$50.0 million, 60 percent of the excess amount will be transferred to the State Debt Reduction Fund and 40 percent of the amount would be transferred to the Kansas Tax Rebate Fund. Both funds are created as part of the amended bill. The State Debt Reduction Fund would be used to provide funding for retirement of bonds issued for programs and capital improvements for state agencies. The Kansas Tax Rebate Fund would be used to provide tax refunds, reimbursements, or other payments to taxpayers.

Background

The bill was recommended by the Legislative Budget Committee.

Representatives of the Department of Human Resources and the Health Care Stabilization Board of Governors appeared and indicated

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their willingness to have those agencies added to the statutory list of biennial budget agencies.

Currently, 19 fee-funded agencies and the Governmental Ethics Commission are the only agencies which file biennial budgets. The House Committee amendments to the bill were technical in nature.

The fiscal note submitted by the Division of the Budget indicates the bill would have no fiscal impact.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to create the State Debt Reduction Fund and the Kansas Tax Rebate Fund and to provide for the transfer of moneys from the State General Fund to those funds when actual State General Fund receipts exceed the estimates of the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group by \$50.0 million.