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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 3034

As Amended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 3034, as amended, would prohibit the Legislative Coordinating Council from appointing any special interim committees during the 2002 interim period. The prohibition would apply to any special committee, advisory committee, select committee, or any standing committee of either the Senate or House of Representatives. However, the prohibition would not apply to any statutory joint committee. A few examples of such statutory joint committees that would still be able to meet include the Legislative Budget Committee, Joint Committee on State Building Construction, and the Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits.

The bill would abolish the Legislative Compensation Commission. The seven-member Commission was established in 1998 to review and make recommendations on legislative compensation, expense allowances, and reimbursements. The Commission meets only in even-numbered years.

HB 3034 would also allow each State Representative and State Senator to use their postage allotment on a per calendar year basis, except in a calendar year during which a general election is held for that chamber. The bill provides in those years where there is a general election, the legislators may not use their postage allotment after the 20th day after the regular session of the Legislature adjourns *sine die* or May 31st, whichever is later. Currently, according to the Legislative Coordinating Council's policies, legislators' postage allotment in a calendar year where there is a general election must be utilized by the end of the regular session *sine die*.

*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/cgi-bin/fulltext/bills.cgi>

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Appropriations Committee as a result of the Committee's action to reduce the Governor's proposed FY 2003 budget. During separate consideration of the FY 2003 budget, the Appropriations Committee reduced the FY 2003 Legislature's budget by \$200,000 (State General Fund) based on prohibiting the appointment of special interim committees during the 2002 interim period and abolishing the Legislative Compensation Commission. There were no proponents or opponents for the bill.

The House Appropriations Committee amended the bill to include the section dealing with legislator postage.