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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 49

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 49, as recommended, authorizes fiscal bonus payments to employees of regulatory agencies. The bill applies only to employees of those agencies with a single special revenue fund which receives receipts primarily composed of regulatory fees. The bonus payments would be based on 10 percent of the savings from the prior fiscal year based on the approved budget and actual expenditures. No bonus payments could be made for any fiscal year in which the agency increases its fees. The bonus payments would be the lesser of: the proportional share that an employee's salary is to the agency's total salary budget; or 10.0 percent of the employee's salary. The bonus payment, which would have to be approved by the State Finance Council, must be divided among all officers and employees of the agency who have been employed for the entire fiscal year for which the bonus is paid.

Background

Senator Buntzen, the sponsor of the bill, testified in support of the bill. A former legislator also testified in support of the bill.

The fiscal note submitted by the Division of the Budget indicates that the total available for new bonuses would vary with the amount of savings each year. The fiscal note also stated that, had the bill been in effect in FY 2002, the bonus amounts paid would have totaled \$104,773, based on savings of \$1,047,739 in the 19 regulatory agencies.

*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/klrd>

