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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 133

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Commerce

Brief*

SB 133 would remove a statutory requirement that the Director of Workers Compensation compile and maintain a database of information on claims characteristics and costs related to open claims for workers compensation. The bill would maintain the requirement that such information be compiled and reported for closed claims.

The bill would remove vocational rehabilitation providers from the list of entities required to submit closed claims information to the Director of Workers Compensation because they are not payers under the system but instead are payees and subsequently have no closed claims to report.

The bill also would remove the statutorily prescribed information to be included in the closed claim information submitted to the Director of Workers Compensation, thereby allowing flexibility for the Director and insurers to collect and report claims costs information in the most efficient and statistically valid manner.

Background

The Senate Committee held a hearing on SB 133, at which time representatives of the Department of Human Resources Workers Compensation Division, the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the American Insurance Association testified in favor of the bill.

*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>

The Senate Committee amended the bill at the request of the Director of the Workers Compensation Division to remove vocational rehabilitation providers from the list of entities required to submit closed claims information, and to remove the statutorily prescribed information to be included in the closed claim information submitted by other insurers.

The Division of the Budget reports that the passage of SB 133, as introduced, would result in administrative savings to the Department of Human Resources. The fiscal note goes on to state that any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of SB 133 would be negligible.