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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 285

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 285 would make technical changes to all statutes which refer to the Department or Secretary of Commerce and Housing. The references in statutes dealing with housing issues would be changed to the Kansas Development Finance Authority or Director of the KDFA. All other references would be changed to read the Department or Secretary of Commerce.

The bill would also authorize and direct the Department of Commerce and Housing to adopt temporary rules and regulations in FY 2003 which set forth an objective scoring matrix for the purpose of awarding housing tax credits.

In addition, the bill would amend statutes governing sales tax and revenue (STAR) bonds to change the definition of a major commercial entertainment and tourism area so that it no longer contains the requirement that such an area include a major multi-sport athletic complex.

Background

The Governor submitted Executive Reorganization Order No. 30 to the Legislature in February, 2003. ERO No. 30 transfers the Division of Housing from the Department of Commerce and Housing to the Kansas Development Finance Authority. As the Legislature did not take action disapproving the ERO, it will become effective July 1, 2003. SB 285 is the trailer legislation making technical amendments to the statutes involving the Department of Commerce and Housing.

*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 to authorize and direct the Department of Commerce and Housing to adopt temporary rules and regulations in FY 2003 which set forth an objective scoring matrix for the purpose of awarding housing tax credits. The Committee also amended the statutes governing sales tax and revenue (STAR) bonds to delete the definition of a major commercial entertainment and tourism area and to make technical adjustments.

The Senate Committee of the Whole made a technical amendment to the bill.

The House Committee of the Whole reinserted the definition of a major commercial entertainment and tourism area. The amendment also changed the definition so that it no longer contains the requirement that such an area include a major multi-sport athletic complex.