

SESSION OF 2003

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2149**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Ethics and Elections

**Brief\***

HB 2149 as amended by the House Committee on Ethics and Elections would expand the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA). The bill would extend the coverage to include all groups established by an incoming Governor.

**Background**

The bill was brought to the Committee by the Kansas Press Association after the court ruling which allowed incoming Governor Sebelius to hold closed meetings of her Budget Efficiency Savings Teams. Proponents of the bill included Senator Schodorf, Representative Pottorff, representatives of the Kansas Association of Broadcasters, *Hutchinson News*, and the *Wichita Eagle*. A representative of the League of Kansas Municipalities was the only opponent.

The bill as drafted would have expanded KOMA to include task forces, advisory committees, or subcommittees created by a legislative or administrative body, agency of the state, any political subdivision, or any successful candidate for elected office. The Division of the Budget reports that the bill would have no fiscal impact.

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\*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/kldr>