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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 366**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Public Health and Welfare

**Brief\***

SB 366 amends two existing statutes that concern reports made to the state cancer registry. The amendments expand the definition of health care provider, *i.e.*, those persons or entities required to report, to include ambulatory surgical centers, licensed dentists, and radiology oncology centers. Further amendments require health care providers and other persons and entities specified in rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary of Health and Environment to report each cancer case diagnosed or treated within six months of the date of diagnosis unless such persons are exempt from reporting either by statute or rules and regulations. The amendments remove the exemption from regular reporting by persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery currently in the law.

**Background**

SB 366 was requested for introduction by the Department of Health and Environment whose representative indicated in testimony presented to the committee that hospital reports indicate the number of reported cancer cases has decreased with treatment moving from hospital settings to private practice settings. This has led to more cases failing to be reported and, with the increase in unreported cases, the ability of the state to conduct cancer cluster investigations and other research with a high degree of reliability diminishes. Several other states, including Colorado, Missouri, and Oklahoma, have added a requirement for physician reporting, resulting in more complete data. No other conferees appeared on the bill.

The Senate Committee amendments are technical and correct errors in the bill as introduced.

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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>

The fiscal note on SB 366 indicates the passage of SB 366 would have no fiscal effect on the Department of Health and Environment.