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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 459

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 459, in the same manner as the Children's Budget, would require state agencies to submit information in their budget estimates regarding services provided to seniors. The Division of the Budget would then compile a Senior Budget from the submitted information and provide the budget report to the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare, the House Committee on Health and Human Services, the Department on Aging, the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, and others who request it.

Background

A number of proponents spoke to the bill and indicated that the bill would address concerns about a lack of coordination in long-term care planning and budgeting for older adults; a unified budget would allow Kansas to track consumers across service settings and provide a more complete picture of current spending; and a unified budget could help build a more balanced system that would target services efficiently. The Department on Aging indicated that a unified senior budget would provide state policymakers with aggregated information that will demonstrate funding priorities and may also help assist in the identification of duplication and gaps in services.

According to the fiscal note, the addition of the Senior Budget would require additional staff time to incorporate the required information on the part of state agencies that provide services to seniors and the Division of the Budget for the creation of a budget form designed for senior services. It is anticipated that these additional staff duties could be handled within existing resources.

*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>

