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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2939

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

HB 2939 amends the statute which creates the Health Care Data Governing Board. The bill increases the membership of the Board from 12 to 15 members. Of the three new members to be appointed by the Governor, one is to represent a large business that is self-insured as to medical coverage for its employees; one is to represent a small business that is self-insured as to medical coverage for its employees; and the third appointee is to be a person the Governor deems appropriate to serve on the Board. Additionally, the bill deletes the requirement that the member appointed by the Board of Regents represent the health services research community. Finally, the bill designates the Secretary of Health and Environment, or the Secretary's designee, as the chair of the Board.

The Senate Committee amended the contents of HB 2895 into the bill but did not amend the original language. The language from HB 2895 amends current law regarding the Kansas Apprenticeship Council to provide for staggered terms for the eight appointed members of the Council.

Background

The original language of HB 2939 was requested by the Governor's Office of Health Planning and Finance whose representative noted there is a plethora of health care data, but inadequate analysis and formatting of the data, both of which hinder the understanding of issues related to insurance coverage, access to health care, and quality. The new members can help identify the data that are necessary for businesses to be good insurance consumers and assist with direct

*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>

systemic reform in health care. The bill will broaden the scope of the information to better serve employers and policymakers. The changes to the Board have no fiscal impact as members receive no compensation, subsistence allowances, travel or other expenses.

Two members of the Kansas Apprenticeship Council testified in support of HB 2895 during its consideration by the House Committee.

The fiscal note indicates no fiscal impact.