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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2086**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Health and Human Services

**Brief\***

HB 2086 concerns home health agencies and the frequency of on-site surveys. The bill provides that a home health agency is in compliance with the provisions of the act through an on-site survey conducted at least once every 36 months. Current law provides that an on-site survey be conducted within a 15-month period. A technical change is found in section 1 (b)(2).

**Background**

HB 2086 was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services and was supported by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Home Care Association (KHCA). KDHE indicated that passage of the bill would make it possible for the facility surveyors' time to be used more efficiently. The Department also noted that the proposed legislation would make the state survey cycle consistent with the federal requirements and minimize the need for additional survey staff. KHCA expressed support for the provision that would establish 36 months as the minimum frequency for facility surveys. The Association interpreted that the provision would allow KDHE to utilize criteria, including that of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), to determine when more frequent surveys are necessary.

The bill was opposed by the Kansas Advocates for Better Care (KABC). KABC indicated a concern that as more individuals rely on home health agencies for provision of their health care needs, more oversight would be necessary to assure quality and compliance with regulations.

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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>

A fiscal note from the Division of the Budget was not available at the time of the House Committee action.