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## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2512

As Amended by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

## Brief\*

Substitute for HB 2512 would allow the Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors to make expenditures from the Fund for attorney fees and other professional services regardless of when the services were incurred. Additionally, the bill would allow the agency to make expenditures for claims and benefit payments regardless of when the services were rendered and when the judgement or settlement was made.

The bill also would authorize the Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB) to invest moneys on behalf of the Health Care Stabilization Fund in highest level corporate bonds.

## Background

The bill would alter the authorizing language and create a new section instead of placing the language within an existing section, as was done in the original bill. The fiscal note on the original bill indicated that there would be no additional expenditures associated with passage of the bill. A representative of the Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors spoke in support of the bill. The bill would place in statute language similar to that included in provisos contained in the appropriations bills in recent years.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee amended the bill to include a provision that authorizes the investment of Health Care Stabilization Fund moneys in corporate bonds by the PMIB. The

<sup>\*</sup>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

amendment was requested by the representatives of the Kansas Medical Society. The testimony presented to the Committee indicated that authorizing these investments could result in an increase of \$1.0 million to \$2.0 million additional investment revenue annually for the Health Care Stabilization Fund.