

SESSION OF 2005

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6015**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HR 6015 disapproves Executive Reorganization Order (ERO) No. 33, which would reorganize specific state health care programs and establishes a Division of Health Policy and Finance within the Department of Administration.

Background

Article 1, Section 6, of the *Kansas Constitution* authorizes the Governor to reorganize state agencies within the executive branch of state government by issuing one or more executive reorganization orders and transmitting the same to the Legislature within the first 30 calendar days of any regular session. An executive reorganization order takes effect as general law on July 1 following its transmittal to the Legislature unless within 60 calendar days and before adjournment of the legislative session either the Senate or House of Representatives adopts a resolution by a majority vote of the members disapproving the executive reorganization order.

ERO No. 33 was transmitted to the House of Representatives and Senate on Wednesday, January 12, 2005, and subsequently referred to the House Appropriations Committee. The Committee heard testimony from the Director of the Governor's Department of Health Planning and Finance, the Secretary of Administration and Budget Director, legal counsel for the Department of Administration, and the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services to explain the ERO. In addition, the Committee heard testimony in support of the ERO from the

*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>

Executive Director of the Kansas Medical Society, a representative of the *HealthyKansas* Coalition, and the President of the Kansas Hospital Association. The Committee received written testimony in support of ERO No. 33 from the Alliance for Kansans with Development Disabilities. A representative of the Kansas Association of Public Employees expressed concern regarding ERO No. 33.

The House has until the 60th calendar day following transmittal to the House, or until Sunday, March 13, 2005, to take up the matter.