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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 457**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Elections and Local Government

**Brief\***

SB 457 would prohibit the expenditure of public funds from any city, county, unified school district, or other political or taxing subdivision for lobbying. Specifically, the bill would forbid the expenditure of public money to pay for employing or contracting for the services of any person to lobby on behalf of the political or taxing subdivision, and it would establish the penalty for violation as a class B misdemeanor.

**Background**

Kansas law defines "lobbying" as: (1) Promoting or opposing in any manner action or nonaction by the legislature on any legislative matter or the adoption or nonadoption of any rule and regulation by any state agency; or (2) entertaining any state officer or employee or giving any gift, honorarium or payment to a state officer or employee in an aggregate value of \$40 or more within any calendar year, if at any time during such year the person supplying the entertainment, gifts, honoraria or payments has a financial interest in any contract with, or action, proceeding or other matter before the state agency in which such state officer or employee serves, or if such person is the representative of a person having such a financial interest.

Proponents of the bill included Senator Kay O'Connor, a spokesman for the Kansas Taxpayers Network, and two citizens. Opponents included representatives of the League of Kansas Municipalities, the Kansas Association of School Boards, and the City of Overland Park.

The fiscal note indicated the bill would have no fiscal effect.

The Senate Committee amended the bill's title.

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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>