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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2157

As Recommended by House Committee on
Local Government

Brief*

HB 2157 would amend state law to allow the Topeka/Shawnee County Riverfront Authority to meet quarterly, or more often if called by the chairperson, rather than monthly as is required under current law.

Background

The Legislature created the Topeka/Shawnee County Riverfront Authority in 2006.

Whitney Damron presented testimony on behalf of the City of Topeka. He stated that the Authority adopted a Kansas Riverfront Master Plan in October 2008 and is working toward implementation of that plan. He said Authority members do not believe monthly meetings now are required to accomplish the Authority's work. No other conferees appeared on the bill.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, current law requires that Board members be reimbursed for expenses incurred while performing their duties. If the Board holds less than 12 meetings in one year, there could be a reduction in reimbursement expenditures. The precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated, because the number of meetings that would be held is unknown. Enactment of HB 2157 would not have an effect on state agency budgets.

*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>