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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 581

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 581 amends statutes concerning the Hiram Price Dillon House (Dillon House). The bill would transfer the charge, care, management, and control of the Dillon House property from the Secretary of Administration to the Kansas Arts Commission. The bill would assign to the Commission duties that are currently assigned to the Legislative Coordinating Council, such as the acceptance of grants and contributions and the consumption of liquor on the Dillon House property. The bill would authorize the Commission to adopt policies regarding the use of the property and the assignment of space and facilities. Upon completion of necessary restoration and renovation, the Kansas Arts Commission would maintain a public office in the Dillon House and utilize the property for arts and cultural exhibitions, public programming, and educational programming. The bill would allow the agency to use rooms and other facilities of the Dillon House for public or private events, functions, or activities, with reasonable fees collected and deposited into the state treasury. The bill would establish the Hiram Price Dillon House Fee Fund in the state treasury.

The bill also would allow the agency to establish a not-for-profit organization to solicit and accept gifts, donations, and money to be used to restore, renovate, maintain, and furnish the Dillon House. Any funds collected could be deposited and maintained in financial institutions in an interest-bearing account or invested.

*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>

The bill would create the Dillon House Advisory Board to develop fundraising plans, provide recommendations to the agency regarding restoration and renovation plans, and advise the agency in the establishment of the not-for-profit organization. The bill would allow the President of the Kansas Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to recommend to the agency individuals to serve as members of the Dillon House Advisory Board. No members of the Legislature would be eligible to serve on the Advisory Board. Members of the Board would serve at the pleasure of the Kansas Arts Commission and serve without pay and receive no subsistence allowance, mileage, or any other associated expenses.

Background

SB 581 was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. The Kansas Arts Commission testified as a proponent. There were no opponents.

A fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget stated that passage of SB 581 would have a negligible fiscal impact on the budget of the agency for several years. No State General Fund moneys are being used to finance the renovation and restoration of the Dillon House.