

SESSION OF 2025

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2261**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2261 would add majors of the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) as being in unclassified service under the Kansas Civil Service Act.

The bill also would provide permanent status for a person returning to a classified KHP position at the end of a term in an unclassified KHP position. Under continuing law, the rank to which the officer would return would not be lower than the rank the person held when appointed to an unclassified position: superintendent, assistant superintendent, or major.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Transportation at the request of a representative of the KHP.

***House Committee on Transportation***

In the House Committee hearing, the KHP Executive Officer provided **proponent** testimony. He stated current statutory language is unclear as to whether the position of major is classified or unclassified, which has resulted in litigation and uncertainty, and that all six current majors voluntarily accepted unclassified status upon appointment.

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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 <https://klrd.gov/>

Written-only proponent testimony was received from the Director of Personnel Services, Department of Administration.

No other testimony was provided.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the KHP indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on its operations.

Kansas Highway Patrol; Kansas Civil Service Act; major; rank