

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2333

As Recommended by House Committee on
Insurance

Brief*

HB 2333 would rename the Kansas Insurance Department as the Kansas Department of Insurance; the Office of the Securities Commissioner of Kansas as the Department of Insurance, Securities Division; the Securities Commissioner as the Department of Insurance Assistant Commissioner, Securities Division; and would remove the requirement for the Senate to confirm the Department of Insurance Assistant Commissioner, Securities Division appointee.

The bill would also make technical and conforming amendments.

Kansas Department of Insurance (New Section 1)

The bill would rename the Kansas Insurance Department to the Kansas Department of Insurance and clarify whenever the Kansas Insurance Department, or words of like effect, are referred to or designated by a statute, contract, or other document, and such reference or designation is in regard to any function power or duty of the Kansas Insurance Department shall be deemed to apply to the Kansas Department of Insurance.

*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/>

*Transfer of Powers, Duties, and Functions to the Kansas
Department of Insurance*

The bill would authorize all powers, duties, and functions of the Kansas Insurance Department be transferred and imposed upon the Kansas Department of Insurance.

Rules and Regulations, Order, and Directives

The bill would deem all rules and regulations, orders, and directives of the Commissioner of Insurance of the Kansas Insurance Department that are in effect on July 1, 2025, as effective and shall be deemed to be rules and regulations, orders, and directives of the Commissioner of the Kansas Department of Insurance until amended, revoked, or nullified.

***Department of Insurance, Securities Division (New
Section 2)***

The bill would rename the Office of the Securities Commissioner of Kansas to the Department of Insurance, Securities Division. The bill would provide that whenever the Office of the Securities Commissioner of Kansas, or words of like effect, are referred to or designated by a statute, contract, or other document, and such reference or designation is in regard to any function, power, or duty of the Office of the Securities Commissioner of Kansas, be deemed to apply to the Department of Insurance, Securities Division.

*Transfer of Powers, Duties, and Functions to the Department
of Insurance, Securities Division*

The bill would transfer and impose all powers, duties, and functions of the Office of the Securities Commissioner of Kansas upon the Department of Insurance, Securities Division.

***Department of Insurance Assistant Commissioner,
Securities Division (Section 4)***

The bill would rename the Securities Commissioner to the Department of Insurance Assistant Commissioner, Securities Division. The bill would provide whenever the Securities Commissioner, or words of like effect, are referred to or designated by statute, contract or other document, and such reference or designation is in regard to any function, power or duty of the Securities Commissioner of Kansas, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the Department of Insurance Assistant Commissioner, Securities Division.

The position would continue to be appointed by the Commissioner of Insurance but the requirement for Senate Confirmation for the role would be removed.

***Transfer of Powers, Duties, and Functions to the Department
of Insurance Assistant Commissioner, Securities Division***

The bill would transfer all powers, duties, and functions of the Securities Commissioner to the Department of Insurance Assistant Commissioner, Securities Division.

Rules and Regulations, Orders, and Directives

The bill would provide that all rules and regulations, orders, and directives of the Securities Commissioner of Kansas that are in effect on July 1, 2025, shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be rules and regulations, orders, and directives of the Department of Insurance Assistant Commissioner, Securities Division, until amended, revoked or nullified.

Background

The bill was introduced in the House Committee on Insurance at the request of a representative of the Kansas Insurance Department.

House Committee on Insurance

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Insurance Department, who indicated the bill would bring clarity and uniformity to the current statutory framework for the regulation of insurance in the state of Kansas, and clarify the name of the regulatory entity of insurance in the state of Kansas as the “Department of Insurance.”

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Insurance Department states the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on agency operating expenditures and any additional workload would be absorbed by existing staff. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Insurance; Kansas Department of Insurance; Department of Insurance, Securities Division; Department of Insurance Assistant Commissioner, Securities Division