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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 125

As Recommended by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 125 would authorize expenditures totaling \$6,430.04, all from existing State General Fund (SGF) resources, in FY 2025 to pay the following claims against the State:

- \$50.00 from the Hutchinson Correctional Facility for various items, such as a fan and a lamp, that were missing from an inmate's cell that was not securely locked;
- \$30.04 from the Hutchinson Correctional Facility for missing items, including a fan and clothing items, that were being stored by the facility for an inmate;
- \$50.00 from the Larned State Correctional Facility for an inmate's tennis shoes that were mailed to the wrong address;
- \$100.00 from the Lansing Correctional Facility for property, including a fan and clothing items, extorted from an inmate by another resident inmate; and
- \$3,100.00 from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, and \$3,100.00 from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, for Home and Community-Based Services that had

^{*}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/

been previously denied by the agencies due to a coding error.

The bill would require a claimant to sign a release attesting satisfaction of the claim against the State prior to issuance of payment.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the Kansas Register.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State (Joint Committee).

During the 2024 Interim, the Joint Committee met four times. Although 63 claims were received that met the statutory guidelines to be heard by the Joint Committee, nine of the claims were withdrawn due to settlements and one was withdrawn due to improper venue. Of the 63 claims received, 57 were filed against the Department of Corrections or correctional facilities. The Joint Committee ultimately recommended payment for five claims against the State totaling \$6,430.04 SGF in FY 2025.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In the Senate Committee hearing on February 6, 2024, an overview of the bill was provided by a fiscal analyst with the Kansas Legislative Research Department which facilitates the Joint Committee. No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, enactment of the bill would authorize expenditures totaling \$6,430.04, all from existing SGF resources, in FY 2025.

Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State; special claims; claims against the State; correctional facilities; Kansas Department of Health and Environment; Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services; Kansas Department of Corrections; payment