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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2572

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2572, as amended, would create the "Disaster Reimbursement Fund" to be used by the Adjutant General's Department for any emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to KSA 48-924. The bill would also direct \$22.0 million to be transferred annually from the State General Fund to this new fund. Transfers would continue up to a fund balance of \$40.0 million, at which point transfers would cease until the balance of the fund once again decreased below \$40.0 million. The bill would also create the Kansas Emergency Management and Homeland Security Fund, into which any interest generated on the balance of the Disaster Reimbursement Fund would be deposited. Interest accumulated in the Fund would be used to support Emergency Management and Homeland Security operations by the Adjutant General's Department.

Background

HB 2572 was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations.

At the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs hearing on HB 2572, the proponents testifying in support of the bill were Major General Lee Tafanelli, Adjutant General and Senator Jay Emler. No opponents testified on the bill.

*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 House Appropriations Committee amended the bill to remove the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) as a revenue source and all references to the KUSF. The Committee also amended the bill to add the Kansas Emergency Management and Homeland Security Fund and provisions related to its interest accumulation and expenditures for emergency management and homeland security operations of the agency.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to remove language identifying the annual transfer of State General Fund monies as moneys that are received from fees and premium taxes imposed on insurance companies and other entities regulated by the Commissioner of Insurance.

The Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs made a technical amendment to the bill and added an additional \$10 million to be transferred from the State General Fund to make the annual transfer a total of \$22 million.

A revised fiscal note on HB 2572 was not available when the bill passed out of the Senate Committee.