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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2789

As Recommended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2789 would create the Joint Committee on KanCare Oversight within the legislative branch. The Joint Committee would be composed of 11 members of the Legislature without specifying the House or Senate membership. The appointments outlined in the bill would include: four members of the Legislature appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House; three members appointed by the President of the Senate; and two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate. All members would serve a two-year term commencing on July 1, 2012.

A quorum of the Joint Committee on KanCare Oversight would be six. All actions of the Joint Committee would be taken by a majority of the members.

The Joint Committee would monitor and study the implementation and operations of the home and community based services programs and state Medicaid programs. Any appropriate state agency would provide data and information on KanCare programs to the Joint Committee. Specifically, state agencies would be required to report on savings that would be transferred to the Home and Community Based Services Savings Fund as a result of transferring individuals from the state or private institutions to the home and community based services.

*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 Joint Committee may meet at any time and at any place in the state on the call of the chairperson and would be authorized to introduce legislation as it deems necessary in performing its functions.

The Joint Committee would sunset upon the termination of provision of state Medicaid services in a managed care system.

The bill also would repeal the statutes creating the Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services Oversight and the Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight.

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

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations. Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), as well as representatives of the Kansas Health Consumer Coalition and the Kansas Disabilities Rights Center of Kansas testified in favor of the bill. Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, Inc., NAMI of Kansas, Kansas Action for Children, and Kansas Hospital Association also submitted written testimony in favor of the bill.

The Division of the Budget fiscal note on the bill states the bill would increase expenditures by \$7,845 for each meeting held for compensation, travel expenses, and subsistence expenses for members when attending meetings.