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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 115

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 115 would abolish the State Highway Advisory Commission.

Background

Proponents, who included the current chairperson of the Commission and a representative of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), said that while the Commission was created in 1975 to serve as liaison between KDOT and the citizens on highway funding issues, such a function could be better carried out in the future by entities with more holistic expertise involving multiple transportation modes; and that KDOT has been successful in recent years in developing a greater number of methods for communicating with the public and receiving input.

The fiscal note indicated that FY 2012 expenditures from the State Highway Fund could be decreased by \$6,525 if the statutes relating to the Commission were to be repealed.

The Senate Transportation Committee recommended that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

*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>