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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 40**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

House Sub. for SB 40 would amend several statutes regarding the Kansas Bioscience Authority.

Under current law the Speaker of the House shall appoint two members, one of which shall be an agricultural expert. The bill would allow any appointing authority to appoint a member who is an agricultural expert.

The bill would also limit Board members to two consecutive four-year terms. Currently, Board members are appointed for three consecutive four-year terms. Under the provisions of the bill the statutes pertaining to conflicts of interest was amended. The bill would require any member with direct interest in any contract or transaction with the authority to either resign or divest such interest. Furthermore, the bill would remove the option of the authority to affiliate with the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System.

Background

The bill had one proponent, Representative Mike O'Neal. There were no conferees who appeared as neutral or opponents.

The original SB 40 would allow counties to award projects for infrastructure repair to bidders who are not the

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lowest and best under certain emergency conditions.

The fiscal note for the substitute bill indicated there would be no fiscal effect for amending the statutes of the Authority.